



**Town Of Medway
Open Space Committee**
155 Village Street
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

Meeting Minutes on January 2, 2018

**Medway Senior Center
Oakland Circle**

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X	X	X	X		X

The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Trails:

- Trailblazing will continue. Follow-up with Jim Wieler about possibly different colors around the baseball field and continuing to Choate.
- The committee discussed doing a site walk in the spring at the land near VFW.

Kiosks/Signs/ Trail Markings:

- The kiosks will be ordered.

OSRP - Task Force Update:

The next meeting for the Open Space Recreational Plan is Thursday, January 4, 2018. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018. There was discussion at the OSRP last meeting to go to a specific piece of open space land and discuss how to implement a management plan. There will be volunteers needed for this. Go to a property and get people to help and learn how to do a management plan. Ann Capra who is the consultant suggested splitting into three groups to look at surveying, property boundaries, and looking at invasives. There is a concern that some of this was already done with the Conway Report. It was suggested to use an area such as the canoe launch area since it is manageable. There was also a suggestion to have this as a public meeting for others to attend.

Rail Trail:

There was discussion about the rail trail. The following was suggested:



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- Map a trail we can walk in the spring (with Army Corp representative).
- Identify what we can use on the rail trail.
- Get more input from member Francis.

Acceptance of Minutes:

December 5, 2017:

- On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Denise Legee, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from December 5, 2017.

Other Business which may come in front of Committee:

Hunting Near Trails:

- The Chairman will send an email to the Town Administrator about possible signage. It will also be mentioned to Selectmen Trindade.

Department of Corrections:

- Member Williams talked with the inmate work program representative and they are willing and able to work. They will need to be supplied with vests and gloves. Joanne and Jim Wickis will follow-up with the DPS about use of equipment, tools, bathroom facilities, etc. Suggested tasks included: trimming near skating rink (Deerfield), getting rid of multiflora, clean junk near Adams Street.

CPC Meeting:

- There was a suggestion to put \$2,000 into the open space budget to cover misc. costs such as lunch for people doing open space work in Medway.

Trail Paving Cost:

- There was considerable discussion about making the new trail to the boardwalk more accessible. The high-school-to-Adams section probably has too many terrain issues. However, from Adams Street to the Dave Hoag Boardwalk may be more achievable. There's a lot of interest in adding a few parking spaces at the trailhead on the north side of Adams.
- Follow-up with parking on Eversource (ask about moving fencing to allow parking).

Future Meeting Date:

- Tuesday, February 6, 2018



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Adjourn:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Jim Wickis, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary
Approved February 6, 2018**