



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

Meeting Minutes on February 6, 2018

**Medway Senior Center
76 Oakland Circle
Medway, MA 02053**

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

The meeting was opened at 7:03 pm

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments.

Trails:

- The north side of the Chicken Brook boardwalk has flooded.
- The footbridge near Adams Street on the south side will need raised this spring/summer. In the recent flooding, it blocked the flow of water, forcing the water to go around it.

Kiosks/Signs/ Trail Markings:

- There were two kiosks ordered and will be shipped in the next few weeks.
- The trail markers will be ordered in the spring.
- There was agreement that there needs to be a standard approach with the mapping, blazing etc.

OSRP - Task Force Update:

- The Chairman attended the last Open Space and Recreational Plan meeting. Draft document was presented. There will be another meeting on February 12, 2018.

Rail Trail:

The members discussed options for a trail near Oakland Park and the former railroad right-of-way. Member Francis presented a packet inclusive of a map showing the adjoining parcels along the route. This is a working draft.

Rail Bed Sections:

Oakland Street to Millis Town Line:

- Town owned, trail in use and can tie into other parcels.
- Abuts Army Corp of Engineers land
- Two Parcels formerly owner-unknown, now owned by town.
- Inquire about town's interest arranging for a way to cross the private land east of wetlands (such as an easement)
- Member Ross suggested to walk the site and drop those GPS data on map.

Next Steps:

- Trim brush along path on rail bed.
- Add signage
- GPS current trail network
- See if there is funding or help from the state for unidentified property. DCR offers matching funds for unknown and tax land property. See if we can apply for something like this.

Broad Street to Oakland Street:

- Abuts Oakland Cemetery
- Rail bed path used and follows adjacent trails
- Trail can link to Matondi Square and Charles River Amphitheater via sidewalks
- There is one private parcel which blocks access to Oakland Street.

Next Steps:

- Understand site plans for DPW facility and how trail might be integrated.
- Confirm public access and policies of Oakland Cemetery for integration into trail network.
- Trim brush
- Add signage

Holliston Street to Broad Street:

- Path exists and Medway Oil owns to center of rail bed

Next Steps:

- Reach out to Medway Oil
- Trim brush, remove cut fallen trees
- Move concrete blocks on Broad Street

Burke-Memorial School to Holliston Street:

- West of Holliston Street, there are several private parcels on the path of the former railroad. It seems unlikely a public trail could be established in this section.

Rail bed next steps:

- Inquire about the previous agreements the town made.
- Speak with Selectmen Trindade about bigger picture and goal.
- Reach out to Matt Hayes from the Planning and Economic Development Committee.

Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement:

- All member were reminded to submit the conflict of interest acknowledgement papers.



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Annual Town Report Draft:

- The members read and reviewed committee's write-up for the Annual Report. It will be submitted prior to the deadline.

Town Line Estates Definitive Subdivision Plan:

- The Open Space Committee was forwarded the Town Line Estates Definitive subdivision plan to review. The Chairman will send an email back to Susy Affleck-Childs that the Open Space Committee has no comments regarding interest in this plan.

Acceptance of Minutes:

January 2, 2018:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross, and seconded by Jim Wickis, the minutes from January 2, 2018 were approved.

Other Business which may come in front of Committee:

- The Committee discussed the state requirement that an independent third party hold a conservation restriction on open space acquired under CPA funds.
- The Open Space Committee suggested signs be placed around town indicating where properties have been purchased using CPA funds.
- Discussion about a priority list of land parcels, and whether to include this in the OSRP. Decided to keep list internally.
- There is concern that the bulkhead wooden wall at the canoe launch is deteriorating, the DPS department has been notified.
- There is a large oak tree which fell at the Amphitheatre. This is about 3 ft. in diameter. The path can be redirected or the tree needs to be removed. There are also some rotted trees which need to be removed.
- There was discussion about what is the priority of the town in maintaining the Deerfield pond area. The trail needs the following: to be cleared, and signage installed. It was suggested that this could be a Clean Sweep project.

Future Meeting Date:

- Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Adjourn:

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Recording Secretary

Approved March 6, 2018