

**The Town of Medway
Open Space Committee
Meeting Minutes on November 12, 2019
Medway Senior Center
76 Oakland Circle
Medway, MA 02053**

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

Chairman Wright opened the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Committee Business:

Amphitheater Site Walk

Mike sent the committee members some possible meeting dates and will wait to see which dates works best for the majority and then schedule a site walk.

Oak Grove (“bottle caps”) Update o Interim management plans

Tina will double check but she thinks she sent them an email stating they supported it.

“Soup on the Bridge”

Denise reported that the “Soup on the Bridge” event went very well. It was held at the new meadow before the boardwalk and about 60 people attended. It was a nice sunny day and a lot of people from Millstone came. People seemed to enjoy it and some volunteered to help with future trail work.

Interim Management Plan

Joanne stated that DPS left her several messages and she will follow up this week.

Friends of Forest Conservation

Mike stated that was the Sherborn Conservation day with DCR. Nobody was able to attend.

Trail Development/Maintenance Coordination

The committee discussed the best way to coordinate trail development and maintenance efforts. The process needs to be consistent and one person or group should not be making the decisions. Some properties are managed by the Board of Selectman and other ones by the Conservation

Commission. Tina stated she thinks the Open Space Committee should be the place to start and they can coordinate efforts with the Board of Selectman, DPS, Parks/Recreation, and ConCom.

Jim mentioned he had been walking on one of the trails and noticed that a pipe had not been put in deep enough so one side of the trail is getting muddier and it will probably stay that way. Jim has an idea on how to remedy this. Jim also mentioned he saw a long line of invasive shrubs heading north on the trail and if they were removed, people could walk there. He has a lot of ideas but does not know who should review and approve these plans. ConCom has jurisdiction over wetlands but not other areas (unless they manage the property).

The committee thinks the management plans will help a lot but may not address the one-off type of situations like when a tree falls on a trail or someone wants to donate a memorial bench at a park. Ideally these things should be brought before the Open Space Committee to ensure it is consistent with the Open Space & Recreation plan as well as the management plan. If these issues are discussed at an Open Space meeting, then there will be a record of it in the meeting minutes. Maybe this could be a standing item on the meeting agenda. The next steps will be to finish the interim management plans and discuss it at a joint meeting with ConCom and DPS. Once the process is defined and approved then everyone can follow it.

Other Business which may come in front of the committee

Status of OSRP

The committee discussed the status of the OSRP. Has this been approved by the state? They need to find out what else needs be done to get it approved. They need a color copy of the final plan to be able to see their comments and the states comments. Denise will follow up with Suzy on the status of the OSRP.

There was a brief discussion about the other footbridge that is proposed for spanning the gap in the cart path that runs westward from Millstone toward the power line easement. Has the plan been approved? They had so much rain that may have changed. They hoped to have this project done by this fall but it may have to wait until next summer when it is dry. Joanne will follow up with Paul Atwood about the status.

Charlie mentioned a footbridge is needed to get to Millstone. Has a plan been approved? Tina stated we should get the map of both bridges and show them to Bridget. Joanne noted that some temporary trail signs need to be posted because people are getting confused on where to go. Joanne will follow up with Bridget on this.

Mike mentioned 74 and 82 Lovering Street (Article 4 of the Fall Town Meeting). The committee discussed the plans for the parcels. If CPA funds are used, CPA has to report at town meeting that they voted for it. Because this is now public, the committee can now review the minutes from the executive sessions earlier in the year.

Meeting Minutes from the October 15, 2019 meeting

Not approved at this meeting

Action Items

- Denise will follow up with Suzy on the status of the OSRP.
- Joanne will check on the status of the Interim Management plan.
- Joanne will follow up with Paul Atwood about the status of the other bridge near Iarussi.
- Joanne will follow up with Bridget about the status of a footbridge for Millstone.
- Tracy will bring copies of the minutes from the last two meetings and copies of the minutes from the last two executive secessions to the next meeting. Tracy will put these items on next month's agenda. Tracy will ask Tina two weeks before the next meeting if she has anything to add to the agenda.
- Charlie will send out the draft minutes from the two executive sessions.
- Charlie will contact Paul Attwood regarding the status of siting the footbridge between the new boardwalk and Millstone.

Adjourn

Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. Denise seconded the motion and it was voted to approve 7-0-0.

Next Meeting:

December 3, 2019

Respectively submitted by,

Tracy Rozak