

## Committee Members

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# TOWN OF MEDWAY

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted at this meeting.

Topic: Open Space Committee Zoom Meeting June 2, 2020  
Time: Jun 2, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82210967143>

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**Medway Open Space Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm**  
**Medway Senior Center**  
**76 Oakland Street**  
**Medway, MA 02053**

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

The first hour was a joint meeting with the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Task Force. In addition to the Open Space Committee members listed above the following people were present for the joint meeting: SusyAffleck-Childs, Paul Atwood, Julie Harrington, Cindy Sullivan, Mathew Hayes, Bridget Graziano, Debbi Rossi, Glenn Trindade, David Blackwell, and David D'Amico.

***Denise Legee called the Open Space Committee meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Matt Hayes also called the OSRP Task Force meeting to order at 7:08 pm.***

Susy stated the plan was sent to and approved by the State but they asked for a few tweaks and changes. Susy made revisions to the plan and shared the revised plan on the screen and went over all of the comments from the State. Susy stated they wanted more information on planning and public participation and she added more information about who was involved, and added the surveys they sent out and the public forums that were held. She also included the flyers, and minutes from all the meetings and forums to the appendix. The State wanted more information about the towns industry and this was included on page 14. They also asked for more information on transportation, the state of the bike path and sidewalk information which she added.

Susy also added information about the growth and development in the town including several 403B comprehensive permits. The State wanted to see information about the town's water resources, the Charles River Watershed area and the role it plays in the development of the town. They also asked to see some information about historic resources in town so she added a section about Medway Village and Evergreen Cemetery. Susy noted that the Jacob Ides house is listed in the inventory of town owned properties. The State also asked for more information about recreation for specialized populations.

Susy added information on Camp Sunshine, the expansion of the athletic fields and Choate Park, the field at the high school and the addition of Julie Harrington to the Recreation Department. The piggery and pasture lands were also added. It was suggested that Susy could reference some of the family farms.

Susy stated that the State asked us to prioritize the goals and objectives on page 67. After a brief discussion, it was decided to keep the goals in the order they are in. Susy asked if anyone would like anything to be changed in the first goal. It was decided drinking water should be a top priority and funding should go before education. Under the second goal, #2 should go to the top and should go in this order: 2-2, 2-4, 2-3, 2-1. The third goal they decided to make 3-2 the top priority. The state was ok with the Land Management Plans. Susy stated the leads are ConCom and Open Space for advocating and putting issues forward. DPW will be added under responsible parties. The last thing they added was the letters of support that were provided by various groups and committees. The appendices are at the end, in table 5.7 they added columns on use and recreation potential and condition. There is also a list of privately owned properties of interest and specific recommendations of town owned properties. Two other appendices were not attached because they are so large; the ADA evaluation from Ann Capra and the compendium of all the meeting minutes and survey data. Paul asked Susy to add the Wilson property on Lovering Street. Susy thought it is already on there but will double check. It was also noted that the OSRP Task Force members are listed in alphabetical order but Matt should be listed as the Chairman.

Joanne mentioned that Jim Wieler is closing on his house and she feels his contributions should be formally recognized. One suggestion was to add a dedication section to the OSRP that profiles Jim and his contributions. Joanne suggested drafting a letter to Jim letting him know we are recognizing him in the plan. Other suggestions were having the Selectmen recognize him at a town meeting, having a small party for him or naming a section of a trail after him and Shelly. Joanne offered to write the letter and organize a party for him.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that a joint meeting with the OSRP Task Force and the Open Space Committee should take place every year in September or October to keep things moving forward. Susy stated she will respond to Melissa's letter and explain the changes that they made. Each member should review the entire plan and provide comments to Susy by June 12, 2020.

***Denise made a motion to approve the plan with the stipulation that members could make small revisions to the plan by sending their comments to Susy by June 12, 2020. Jim seconded the motion and Denise, Cindy, David B., Paul, Debbi and Matt all stated aye they were in favor.***

#### ***Adjourn***

***Debbi made motion to adjourn the OSRP Task Force portion of the joint meeting at 8:12 pm. Cindy seconded the motion and all were in favor.***

#### **Open Space Committee meeting started at 8:12 pm**

Thereafter, the Open Space Committee continued its portion of the meeting without the OSRP Task Force.

Joanne asked about getting Bridget's approval of the footbridge leading to Millstone. Joanne stated she spoke to Paul and he told Denise he would have to put the cement pads into the muddy water. Can the CPC Trail Fund be used to pay for this? This money is for trail signs and betterment. The cost is roughly 100- 200 dollars. Susy stated they could use the CPC money and submit the receipts. Joanne stated she will donate the wood if needed.

Tina mentioned the email from Susy about Sanford Mill and how they felt there wasn't adequate signage and people were using their private space. Bridget, Denise, and Tina looked at it and replied stating they made betterments to the parking lot and it does need additional signage. There was some concern about how many times the trail needs to be mowed so it is walk able. Tina stated the Village Street trail cannot be made handicap accessible. Joanne stated she took a group on the River Trail and they were so happy as a lot of them cannot walk down the steep hill. There is a great need for a walk able trail coming from Village Street.

### **Amphitheater**

Mike did not have an update on the Amphitheater at his time. He is waiting for the OK from Glenn to get cost quotes and find out if the DPW can do any of the work. Jim stated he periodically clears out the trash near the apartment house on the slope. He mowed a path to the parking lot. He thinks they could make it look nicer and could put up a sign to show access to the Amphitheater. Tina stated they should not put up a sign until they determine where the parking will be and have it approved by the property owner. Jim will ask Steve Care about the fence.

### **Adams Meadow – Trail/Invasive**

Jim stated there was a plan made to educate people in town about the invasives and encourage them to help reduce the invasives around the trail. This all has been postponed due to COVID 19/social distancing. Recently a few of the members got together on a Wednesday and Saturday and have made good progress getting rid of invasive vines, dead branches and some old metal from the parking lot. They are spreading the word through Face book and asking for volunteers to work on the trail.

Jim asked if we should have a plan for the VFW land that the town bought. Tina stated it is very wet but you might be able to put in a walking trail. A few members will meet next Wednesday at the VFW parking lot at 8:30 and walk the area.

### **Boardwalk/Bridge Update**

Charlie walked the boardwalk and sent an email about the blazing and stated the signs are still TBD, and still need to take the temporary map out. Denise stated she talked to Brian Clarke, Millstone property manager about the signs and he thought they would be ready soon then Charlie can publish a map. She will check with Brian tomorrow.

Tina raked the area for a potential trail, east of the new boardwalk, that provides views of the wetlands, but she would like to clear it more so you can loop around. She would also like to work on the area that crosses the high tension wires to get across to the Iarussi property. She suggested working on this in September. Joanne will ask Bridget if she wants to walk the area with them. Joanne stated she took the lumber over to the bridge they are going to build and thinks they might have some wood left over to use on the other bridge towards the town-owned land around the Iarussi OSRD.

### **May Meeting Minutes**

Denise requested a few changes to the minutes: Brian Cowan is no longer a member so his name should be removed on the attendance list. Control of Invasive species section, first paragraph, sixth line, should be the meadow area on "Adams Street" not "Meadow Street". Same section third paragraph. Second sentence after herbicide, add "to kill bittersweet". Paragraph 3 where Tina stated this is not in our Prevue should be purview.

***Denise made a motion to accept the May meeting minutes as amended. Charlie seconded the motion and all were in favor.***

**Adjourn**

*Joanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm. Charlie seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Rozak