

## Committee Members

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Denise Legee, Co-Chair  
Charlie Ross, Clerk  
Andrea Burke, Member  
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# TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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**November 2, 2021- 7:00 PM  
Medway Senior Center**

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Andrea Burke	Laura Connolly
Present	x	x	x	x	x	Arrived 7:15	x	x

*Denise called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.*

## Medway Master Plan Task Force update

Denise stated the committee received comments from people who took the survey on line in addition to those from the community forum. The task force will be having another meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> or the 29<sup>th</sup> and two more community forums later in the year.

## Water Trail

Denise stated the water trail is one of our 2022 projects. She said that at the Master Plan community forum people thought it was a great idea, but stated there is no way to get a canoe into the river at the canoe launch. The people also expressed concern that too many weeds are growing in the river. Tina suggested there may be a grant available to help fund the project so we could start working on it. Joanne stated a grant would be useful for the launch near the Neelon Lane property. Charlie stated the trail is not really a trail right now. Denise stated if we are going to have a water trail, we have to make sure there is access to the water and a way to maneuver in the water. Denise asked Jim if he talked with anyone at the Charles River Watershed Association. Jim stated Bridget Graziano, Conservation Agent, said she would reach out to them. **Action: Tina will follow up with Bridget about this.** Andrea stated she has a book that lists all the stops on the river and it only mentioned Sanford Mill and West Medway as the only stops in Medway.

## The Willows Trails

Jim stated he went to see the trail and walked on it but there are no signs for the trail or parking. He walked to the boat launch and did not see any trails. Denise stated she walked down to the trolley crossing and they cut a trail through there but the ground was so wet they could not get

through. Joanne stated she spoke to Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator, about this and told her there didn't seem to be much progress yet. Susy stated they are working on the building right now but will be getting to the trails. **Action: Tina will check with Susy about the timeline and expectations.**

### **Trail from Senior Center to Rail Bed**

Tina stated she left messages for both of the homeowners but did not hear back from them. **Action: Tina will try to reach the homeowners again.**

### **History of trolley crossing bridge at the Willows**

Joanne stated she asked Sheila Debrowski about the trolley crossing but Sheila did not know anything about a crossing ever being there. **Action: Joanne will check in the Donovan History book at the library. Andrea will contact Priscilla Howker about the Donovan History Book.**

### **Amphitheater Village Street Access - Alternate Approach**

Mike stated he has not had a chance to call the Boczanowski phone number again. Tina suggested he could reach out to Vin Boczanowski. **Action: Mike will try to contact Vince Boczanowski.** Mike will also try to contact the owners of the other condos.

### **Town-wide treatment of invasives**

Prior to the meeting, Jim had initiated a discussion with DPW because they are listed as one of the responsible entities for this policy. **Action: Jim will begin in-depth discussions with DPW staff about their role in this policy.**

### **Form for coordination of scout and volunteer projects**

Joanne stated she spoke to Susy about this. Susy said she should talk to Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager and Michael Boynton, Town Manager, about the format for the form. Allison was ok if the information went through her office. **Action: Joanne will continue to work with Allison Potter on this.**

### **Mowing of meadow south of Iarussi Way**

Joanne spoke to Bridget Graziano who stated she was going to request access from the Girards but they have septic so they can't go through that way with heavy equipment. Bridget is going to look at other ways to access the property maybe through the Millstone property. Joanne stated Steve Carew, DPW Parks, did mow a swath through there but stopped because yellow jackets attacked him. **Action: Joanne will ask Steve about cutting down the dead trees that are in the way and also ask Pete Pelletier, DPW Director, about using a brush mower.**

## **Trail maintenance at Millstone Village**

Denise stated she got clarification about the easement that the town is responsible for. Denise found that the town is only responsible for the drainage easement not a whole section of the trail. Denise stated there is a section of the trail that comes down to the Open Space area but there is a lot of poison ivy and people can't walk through. Tina stated there has to be a Memorandum of Understanding with Millstone about the maintenance of the trail. Action: Denise will talk to Susy about this and Tina stated we should discuss this the next time they meet with the OSRP Committee.

## **Brochure Update**

Action: Charlie will contact Fran Hutton Lee, GIS Coordinator, to kick off the map rework. He will also resend the link to the current brochure to the OSC membership.

## **Approval of Minutes: October 5, 2021**

*Charlie made a motion to approve the October 5, 2021 meeting minutes as revised by Denise and Charlie. Joanne seconded the motion and all the members agreed and the minutes were unanimously approved.*

## **Other items that may come before the committee**

Tina mentioned that a number of people commented that they are very appreciative of the trails and the Bridges Festival. Tina reported that the CPC approved the additional funding for a handicapped accessible trail, parking area, and a viewing area at Adams Meadow. Joanne would like to see the viewing area be covered because this area is very sunny. Charlie suggested that Susy set up a task force for this project. Tina stated the next town meeting is November 15<sup>th</sup> and stated it would be great if all the committee members could attend.

The committee also discussed the parking situation at the Adams Street boardwalk trailhead. Franklin has parking in a similar power line right-of-way. Action: Joanne will check on the parking situation in Franklin.

## **Adjourn**

*Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mike seconded the motion and Jim, Laura, Andrea, Joanne, Mike, Charlie, and Denise all stated aye they were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Rozak