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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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**September 7, 2021- 7:00 PM
Medway Senior Center**

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

Other Attendee: Laura Connolly

Denise Legee called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Laura Connolly introduced herself and said she spoke to Tina about the opening on the Open Space Committee. Laura stated she has lived in Medway for 14 years and has 2 children. Laura stated she is a physician and thought joining the committee would be a good way to get involved in the community.

Denise will speak with Tina about the next steps because we now have 3 candidates for 2 openings.

Brochure Update (Denise)

Denise stated she spoke with Sandy Johnston, Director of Communications, and showed her the brochure. Sandy said she would be happy to help update the brochure. The backside of the brochure is a map. Joanne suggested putting notations on the brochure indicating where the benches are. Charlie stated the map may be too small to incorporate this. Charlie will talk to Fran, although it probably won't happen until early November because of his schedule.

Medway Master Plan Task Force update (Denise)

Denise stated she sent out the existing conditions report for the Medway Master Plan. She asked that everyone take a look at it and send comments to her by October 1st. Denise asked about the survey and the crowd mapping exercise. There is a community forum on Sunday October 3rd, from 11am – 3 pm at the high school. It would be great to have as many members attend as possible.

Trail from Senior Center to Rail Bed (Tina)

Denise stated Tina did not get a chance to talk to the neighbors about the trail yet.

Lovering Street Parking Lot – Open Space sign (Denise)

Denise stated the Open Space sign has been installed.

History of trolley crossing bridge at the Willows (Joanne)

Joanne stated she spoke to Becky Atwood and she stated her mother, Mrs. Hoag now has dementia and cannot remember any of the details. Joanne will follow up with the Historical Society.

Amphitheater Village Street Access – Alternate Approach (Mike)

Mike will give an update at the next meeting.

Requesting DPW to clean mower blades to avoid spreading invasives (Denise)

Denise stated she spoke to Steve Carew from the DPW about cleaning the blades before moving into different areas to avoid spreading invasives. Jim stated the best way to clean them would be to wash them down but if he does not have access to water, he could just wipe them down. Jim stated he only has to wash the blades before going to sensitive areas. Jim will talk to Steve Carew about the areas they are most concerned about.

Treating Invasives (Jim)

- **Bittersweet at Adams Street Meadow**

Jim stated it the bittersweet was supposed to be treated a few weeks ago, but it was delayed because some of the workers got COVID and were quarantined. Jim stated Steve Carew was going to schedule the treatment for today or tomorrow but he has not heard from him. Jim will call Steve Carew tomorrow to see if it has been scheduled.

- **Continued Coordination with Bridget on Town-Wide Treatment of Invasives**

Jim stated he received some modifications from Bridget Graziano, Conservation Agent, and they are making progress. Tina would like Jim to talk with Bridget to see if there is any grant money available for treating invasives.

Coordination of Scout and Volunteer Projects (Tina)

Tina stated they would like one point of contact. They thought the DPW would be a good starting contact, but the Scout leaders want the scouts to have to figure out which group to go to. Tina discussed this with Michael Boynton, Town Manager, and they decided to come up with a form that the scout can fill out. **Joanne volunteered to develop the form.**

Dog Signs (Denise)

Denise stated she went to the Parks meeting and they don't want the dogs on the fields and feel dogs should be on leash when they are on the trails. Glenn Trindade stated they have to wait until they change the bylaws, because the bylaws state that dogs are not allowed on any town property. Glenn will be heading the committee that will be working on changing the bylaws.

Mowing of Meadow South of Larussi Way (Joanne)

Joanne stated the smaller meadow near the Larussi farm has been mowed and will be mowed at least once per year.

Joanne stated she spoke to Bridget Graziano about mowing the meadow south of Larussi Way, next to the old Christmas tree farm, and she said the mowing has to wait until she speaks to one of the residents about accessing the area through their yard. **Joanne will call Bridget to follow up on this.**

Lee Property Access (Joanne)

Joanne stated Denise has the letter from the Lee property owners allowing the town to use the property for easement access. Denise sent the letter to Susy Affleck-Childs. Now the town needs to work on getting a permanent easement for us to access the trail to the Dave Hoag Boardwalk through their property.

Other Items That May Come Before the Committee

- **Question Via Facebook**

Charlie mentioned he received a Facebook message on the Medway Open Space page about the cones put up at the Bresnahan Canoe Launch due to flooding. They were still in place after the water receded, and the person asked whom to contact to get them removed. Charlie thought the DPW would be responsible, but that the Police Department might be the only available number to call over a holiday weekend.

- **Millstone Property Trail**

Joanne stated there hasn't been any maintenance on the trail but Millstone is responsible for the maintenance. Joanne stated she is not sure if the developer has turned over the responsibility to Millstone yet. Need to find out who is responsible for this ASAP. Joanne stated the Bridges Festival is coming up and it needs to be cleaned up before then. Denise will follow up with Susy Affleck-Childs about this.

Approval of August 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Tina made a motion to approve the August 3, 2021 meeting minutes as amended. Joanne seconded the motion and all members voted that they were in favor.

Adjourn

Denise made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. All members agreed and the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Tracy Rozak*