

## Committee Members

Tina Wright, Co-Chair  
Denise Legee, Co-Chair  
Charlie Ross, Clerk  
Andrea Burke, Member  
Mike Francis, Member  
Tara Rice, Member  
Jim Wickis, Member



# TOWN OF MEDWAY

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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**Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - 7:00 PM**  
**Medway Town Hall**  
**155 Village Street**  
**Medway MA 02053**

Attendance	Tina Wright	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Andrea Burke	Mike Francis	Tara Rice	Jim Wickis		
Present	x	x	x	x		x	x		

Denise called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

#### • **Bench installation on trails (Denise)**

Denise stated she spoke to Steve Carew, DPW, and he stated that, if she is not in a hurry, he can probably install the benches in January as he has to get the Adams St. meadow done first. It will have to wait until spring if he doesn't get to it in January.

#### • **Ohnemus DPW discussions re: parking lot – meeting with Town Manager (Mike)**

Mike was not present, no update. Denise stated Mike had a meeting with Maryjane White, Select Board liaison, but she doesn't know the outcome.

#### • **Kiosk Locations (Charlie)**

Charlie sent out a list of kiosk locations and Denise added two more on Adams Street. She is keeping a list of open space sign locations as well.

#### • **Brochure map (Charlie)**

Charlie stated he does not have an update at this time.

#### • **Easements for access on private property (Survey updates for Oakland and Adams Streets) (Tina)**

Tina stated she does not have an update at this time.

- **Letter expressing the committee's interest in planning at Betania II (Tina)**

Tina stated she sent an email to Barbara Saint Andre, Director of Community & Economic Development, and Michael Boynton, Town Manager. Tina also stated she spoke to Dennis Crowley, Select Board member, about the town's interest in Betania II. They all agreed to keep the OSC in the loop as plans progress.

- **Water trail (Andrea, Tina)**

Tina stated she asked Bridget Graziano, Conservation Agent, if she wanted to do a kayak trip on the Charles River to take a closer look at the water trail and she said yes but they haven't scheduled it yet. Tina also mentioned there is a grant opportunity for engineering/design of trails coming up that must be submitted by February. Tina wants to apply for it and will send the link with the grant information to the committee members.

- **Project at Adams Street Meadow**

Denise stated she walked the Adams Street Meadow on Sunday and thought it looked a little better than it was. She noticed a mini kiosk near the new parking area. Presumably the kiosk is there to provide details about the ADA compliant trail.

- **Story Walk Kiosk Maintenance**

Andrea contacted Mary Allen from the Lion's Club about the maintenance of the green Story Walk kiosks on the trail adjacent to and on the High School property. Several of the kiosks are falling apart and have broken plexiglass and need repair. Mary stated her husband, Dennis Allen is planning to start working on this by winter and have it completed by spring. Funding is coming from the Lion's Club, and they have agreed to maintain these going forward and also be responsible for the content.

- **Approval of Minutes**

***Andrea made a motion to approve the October 3, 2023, meeting minutes as distributed. Tina seconded the motion, and all were in favor and the minutes were approved.***

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

Tina stated we should review the Seven-Year Action Plan in the Medway Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) to see what we have completed and if we are on schedule for the other projects. The committee members should review the seven-year action plan on page 72, table 9.1 before the next meeting. We will review the plan at the next meeting and flag any items that need follow up and can involve Parks & Recreation, Community & Economic Development and Bridget Graziano from the Conservation Commission as needed.

**Action: Add Review of Open Space Master Plan to the December agenda.**

Jim stated that Jeremy Thompson, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator, is going to take care of the box of old maps and documents that were given to Jim by Paul Atwood. These documents belonged to David Hoag, an early Medway advocate for Open Space, and for whom the boardwalk is named.

Jim stated that Jo-Ann Venezia, Chairperson of the Indigenous People's Day Committee and Glenn Trindade, Selectboard, asked him if he could lead a 40-minute walk and show people indigenous (native) plants at Choate Park. Jim stated he led this walk about three weeks ago and pointed out the indigenous plants so this can go towards the education goals of the Open Space Committee.

- **Adjourn**

***Tina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Charlie seconded the motion and all members stated they were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.***

Respectfully submitted by  
Tracy Rozak