

## Committee Members

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Charlie Ross, Clerk  
Andrea Burke, Member  
Mike Francis, Member  
Tara Rice, Member  
Jim Wickis, Member



# TOWN OF MEDWAY

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## OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024 - 7:00 PM**  
**Medway Senior Center**  
**75 Oakland 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	x

Denise called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

- **Reminder for annual conflict of interest training**

Denise reminded the committee members to submit their conflict-of-interest training form or the acknowledgement form. Mike and Tara need to complete it.

- **Bench installation on trails (Denise)**

Denise stated she did not talk to Steve Carew, Parks Superintendent, this week so she does not have an update.

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

Mike stated he spoke with Glenn Trindade, Select Board Chair, and he is supportive of it. Glenn was going to add this the Select Board agenda but Mike has not heard back yet. Glenn told Mike that it might have to go through an administrative review with the Planning Board. Mike will check in with Bridget Graziano, Conservation Agent, about the land survey. Mike stated he did some sketching of the layout for the Planning Board but they might need more. If they need an engineered plan that will be another step.

**Action- Mike will contact Barbara St. Andre, Director of Community & Economic Development to see where this stands.**

- **Brochure map (Charlie)**

No update at this time

- **Access on private property (Survey on Adams Street, agreements on Oakland Street) (Tina)**

Tina stated they had a Community Preservation Committee meeting last night and were voting on the budget money. Tina mentioned the \$3,500 request for the survey. Glen Trindade, Select Board Chair and Mark Cerel, CPC Chair, both thought that \$3,500 was high. Mark didn't think we needed a survey and suggested she speak to Barbara Saint Andre, Director, Community and Economic Development, because this is pretty basic and we might just be able to identify the area and not need a survey.

**Action- Tina will follow up with Barbara Saint Andre and copy Glen Trindade, Mark Cerel, and Denise Legee.**

- **Betania II (Tina)**

Tina stated she spoke to Jeremy Thompson, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator, today. She stated right now they are trying to get in compliance with the state MBTA law that designates how many acres must be zoned for multi-family housing. The Betania property is one of the target locations. This is an overlay zoning that allows for denser housing, 15 units per acre and at least 50 acres of land. This topic will be discussed at the town Planning Board meeting next week.

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

Tina stated she walked the Waterview Parcel with Jim Wickis, Bridget Graziano and Jacob Frankel, GIS/Mapping Coordinator, and they found there is no access. The area near Shaw Street is nice and does have access. Tina would like to contact the Beals and Thomas Engineering & Consulting firm to get a sense if we should have the properties surveyed for a landing/ launching spot.

- **Medway Clean Sweep (Saturday, April 27)**

Denise stated Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager, asked her if the OSC would take part in Medway Clean Sweep again this year. The Boy Scouts stated they are willing to pull out the garlic mustard at Choate again this year.

**Action- Denise will send in the form for that stating that Open Space and the Trail Club will work with the Scouts**

- **Review of kiosk contents**

There was a discussion about maps for the general area, having a QR code to link to the online trail, also a QR code to link to All Trails. Tina stated it might be a good idea to have a QR code to report a problem on the trails. Denise stated there is an email to report a problem on the Open Space page. A QR code that takes them to the Open Space page might be helpful. Denise stated she usually takes a picture of any fallen trees and sends it by email. Denise mentioned it would be nice to have other content in the kiosk that gets switched out quarterly. Charlie stated it depends on the property what should be put in the kiosk. Tina stated it might be nice to have something included about invasive species but

updating it quarterly is a lot of work. Mike suggested Julie Harrington, Director of Parks & Recreation, might want to list some of the upcoming town events. Tina mentioned some historical information might be interesting such as who donated the land and what it was once used for etc. This information would not need to be updated. The Historical Society might have some content they could use.

- **2023 Invasive Plant Management Log**

Jim stated he keeps track of all the invasive management activity that he is aware of. Most of the information comes from the Trail Club. Tina stated a copy of this log should go to the Conservation Commission every year. They might want to send it to Michael Boynton, Town Manager, and Peter Pelletier, Director of Public Works, to let them know how much work has been done.

**Action- Tina will forward it to Michael Boynton and Peter Pelletier. Charlie will ensure the log is added to the meeting minutes.**

After a brief discussion, it was decided to put a small blurb on Facebook letting people know where and how much work has been done. Andrea mentioned she spoke to the Marjorie Turner Hollman, author of the Easy Walks books, and Marjorie told her she thought Medway has the best organized trail work around.

- **Burke/Memorial Outdoor Classroom (Tara)**

Tara stated one of the objectives for the OSC was to bring nature into the classrooms. Tara had heard there was an outdoor classroom at Burke. She spoke to the principal at Burke who told her there is a committee that decided on a design for it but it's on the back burner for now because they are getting a new roof on the school. Denise stated she would be willing to volunteer her time if they need help with creating a program. It was noted there was a Leaf Project run by a former teacher where the students would go all over town to find leaves from different types of trees, but that has been discontinued.

**Action – Tara will set up a tour of the outdoor classroom with Memorial Principal John Kelley.**

- **Approval of Minutes: • February 6, 2024**

***Tina made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 meeting minutes as amended. Andrea seconded the motion, and all were in favor and the minutes were approved.***

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

There was a discussion about the proposed changes to the zoning bylaws.

- Charlie stated he briefly reviewed the changes to the OSRD bylaw, and stated there were a lot of changes but the biggest change was to allow an OSRD "by right" without a special permit. There also were changes to the minimum parcel size requirement (from ten acres to five) There were other simplifications to the process, including simplifying the specs for the minimum uplands requirement for the open space parcel. Another change reduces the street setback while increasing the

setback from the building to the open space. There was discussion about whether there's an affordable housing requirement for an OSRD. While special permitting would no longer be required for an OSRD, the Planning Board would still to approve the plan, just like any other development.

- There are other proposed zoning bylaw changes, including an approach for complying with the MBTA Communities Act.

Andrea stated there is a Nature Playground at Stony Brook in Norfolk. She took a picture of it and will send it to the committee members. We don't have the money for a natural playground.

Some sections of the High School to Choate Park trail are getting worn and muddy. The committee discussed how it would be desirable if it could be resurfaced.

**Action- Denise will follow up with Bridget Graziano, Conservation Agent and the DPW.**

- **Adjourn**

***Charlie made motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Tara seconded the motion and all members stated they were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.***

Respectfully submitted by  
Tracy Rozak

Invasive Management log is included on pages 5 through 8.

## Invasive Plant Management Log-Medway-2023

- 1/4/2023 South of "Christmas tree crossing", cutting stems of bittersweet vines that are climbing the mature evergreen trees, 7 workers, 1.5 hrs
- 1/11 Deerfield pond, cutting stems of bittersweet, 7 workers, 1 hr
- 1/17 Amphitheater, removing multiflora rose on riverbank, 1 worker, 2 hrs
- 2/14 Amphitheater, remove multiflora rose, bittersweet on riverbank, 1 worker, 2 hrs
- 2/15 Idylbrook, remove glossy buckthorn, bittersweet along trail at brook edge, 5 workers, 1.5 hrs
- 2/20 Amphitheater, remove multiflora rose, Japanese barberry, bittersweet along river edge, 1 worker, 2.5 hrs
- 2/22 Idylbrook, remove glossy buckthorn, bittersweet along trail at brook edge, 6 workers, 1.5 hrs
- 2/27 Amphitheater, removing bittersweet, multiflora rose, along river edge, 1 worker, 2 hrs
- 3/1 Idylbrook, remove glossy buckthorn, bittersweet along trail at brook edge, 6 workers, 1.5 hrs
- 3/6 Amphitheater, remove multiflora rose, bittersweet along river edge, 1 worker, 2 hrs
- 3/8 Idylbrook, remove glossy buckthorn, bittersweet along the trail at brook edge, 6 workers, 1.5 hrs
- 3/13 Amphitheater, remove multiflora rose, bittersweet along river edge, 1 worker, 2 hrs
- 3/20 Amphitheater, remove multiflora rose, bittersweet along river edge, 1 worker, 2 hrs
- 3/27 Amphitheater, remove multiflora rose, bittersweet along river edge, 1 worker, 2 hrs
- 3/29 Choate trail, near the park, removed bush honeysuckle, burning bush, bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, 8 workers, 1.5 hrs
- 4/3 Amphitheater, remove bittersweet along riverbank, 1 worker, 2.5 hrs
- 4/10 Amphitheater, remove bittersweet vines along riverbank, 1 worker, 3 hrs
- 4/12 Choate to high school trail, removed or cut back bush honeysuckle, bittersweet vines, glossy buckthorn, multiflora rose, 8 workers, 1.5 hrs
- 4/19 Choate to high school trail, removed or cut back bush honeysuckle, bittersweet vines, glossy buckthorn, multiflora rose, 6 workers, 1.5 hrs
- 4/24 Amphitheater, remove bittersweet vines along riverbank, 1 worker, 2 hrs
- 4/25 Link Trail, north of Adams St., knotweed management, 2 workers, 2 hrs
- 4/27 Link Trail, north of Adams St., knotweed management, 2 workers, 2 hrs
- 5/1 Amphitheater, garlic mustard removal, 1 worker, 2 hrs
- 5/3 Amphitheater, garlic mustard removal, 4 workers, 1.5 hrs
- 5/7 Amphitheater, garlic mustard removal, 3 workers, 2 hrs

5/8 Amphitheater, garlic mustard removal, 1 worker, 2 hrs

5/10 Start of Choate-High School trail, garlic mustard removal, 7 workers, 1.5 hrs

5/17 In woods near start of Choate-High School trail, garlic mustard removal, 7 workers, 1.5 hrs

5/24 Link trail, north of Adams St, mgmt. of autumn olive, multiflora rose, 7 workers, 2 hrs

5/31 Link trail, north of Adams St, mgmt. of autumn olive, multiflora rose, 8 workers, 1.5 hrs

6/7 Link trail, north of Adams St, mgmt. of autumn olive, multiflora rose, 7 workers, 1.5 hrs

6/14 High School trail, mgmt. of common buckthorn, oriental bittersweet, bush honeysuckle, 4 workers, 2 hrs

6/16 Link trail, north of Adams St, 8 locations, mgmt.. of Japanese knotweed, 2 workers, 2 hrs

6/18 Link trail, north of Adams St, 8 locations, mgmt.. of Japanese knotweed, 2 workers, 2 hrs

6/21 High School trail, mgmt. of common buckthorn, oriental bittersweet, bush honeysuckle, burning bush, Denise Legee, Cindy Wilkins, Ed Clark, Andrea Burke, Andrea Guenther, Marc Rosen, 1.5 hrs

6/28 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, Denise Legee, Jim Wickis, 1 hr

6/29 Amphitheater, mgmt. of multiflora rose, Jim Wickis, 1 hr

7/3 Amphitheater, mgmt. of glossy buckthorn, Jim Wickis, 2 hrs

7/5 HS trail, between Choate and HS, mgmt. of common buckthorn, bush honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet, Cindy Wilkins, Jim Wickis, 1.5 hrs

7/12 HS trail, between Choate and HS, mgmt. of common buckthorn, bush honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet, Cindy Wilkins, Jim Wickis, Denise Legee, 1.5 hrs

7/12 Adams meadow, third survey for wild parsnip, removed 4 plants, Jim Wickis, total 3 hrs

7/14 Amphitheater, mgmt. of glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, Jim Wickis, 2 hrs

7/19 Milstone section, mgmt. bittersweet, burning bush, glossy buckthorn, Cindy Wilkins, Denise Legee, Jim Wickis, Bob O'Toole, 1.5 hr

7/24 Amphitheater, mgmt. of multiflora rose, Jim Wickis, 2 hr

7/26 HS trail, between Choate and HS, mgmt. of common buckthorn, bush honeysuckle, oriental bittersweet, Cindy Wilkins, Jim Wickis, Denise Legee, Ed Clark 1.5 hrs

7/26 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, Denise Legee, Jim Wickis, Ed Clark, Stephen Williams, 1.5 hr

8/2 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, Denise Legee, Jim Wickis, Ed Clark, Andrea Guenther, 1.5 hr

8/9 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, Ed Clark, Andrea Guenther, Caroline Williams, Jim Wickis, Bob O'Toole, Mark Lanigan, 1.5 hrs

8/16 Link Trail, between Summer Street and powerlines, oriental bittersweet, autumn olive, multiflora rose, Andrea Guenther, Jim Wickis, Paul Atwood, 1.5 hrs

8/23 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, Andrea Guenther, Jim Wickis, Bob O'Toole, Mark Rosen, 1.5 hrs

8/30 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, Andrea Guenther, Jim Wickis, Bob O'Toole, Mark Rosen, Denise Legee 1.5 hrs

9/4 Bresnahan's Landing, mgmt. of Japanese Stilt Grass, Jim Wickis, 1.5 hrs

9/6 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, Andrea Guenther, Jim Wickis, Bob O'Toole, Mark Rosen, Ed Clark, Denise Legee, 1.5 hrs

9/8 West St, removal of Japanese stilt grass, Jim Wickis, 1.5 hrs

9/12 West St, removal of Japanese stilt grass, Jim Wickis, 1.5 hrs

9/13 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, Andrea Guenther, Jim Wickis, Ed Clark, Denise Legee, Mark Rosen, 1.5 hrs

9/15 West St, removal of Japanese stilt grass, Jim Wickis, 1.5 hrs

9/20 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, Andrea Guenther, Tom Erickson, Ed Clark, 1.5 hrs

9/27 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, Andrea Guenther, Jim Wickis, Bob O'Toole, Mark Rosen, Andrea Burke, Denise Legee, Ed Clark, 1.5 hrs

10/4 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, Jim Wickis, Bob O'Toole, Mark Rosen, Ed Clark, Denise Legee, Andrea Burke, 1.5 hrs

10/11 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, Andrea Guenther, Jim Wickis, Mark Rosen, Ed Clark, Denise Legee, Andrea Burke, 1.5 hrs

10/18 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, Andrea Guenther, Jim Wickis, Andrea Burke, Mark Rosen, Pat Langley, 1.5 hrs

10/25 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt.. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, multiflora rose, common buckthorn, Andrea Guenther, Jim Wickis, Andrea Burke, Marc Rosen, Ed Clark, Pat Langley, 1.5 hrs

11/01 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt.. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, multiflora rose, common buckthorn, Andrea Guenther, Tom Erickson, Denise Legee, Andrea Burke, Marc Rosen, Ed Clark, 1.5 hrs

11/08 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt.. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, multiflora rose, common buckthorn, Andrea Guenther, Andrea Burke, Marc Rosen, Ed Clark, Marc Rosen, Leo 1.5 hrs

11/15 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt.. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, multiflora rose, common buckthorn, Andrea Guenther, Tom Erickson, Denise Legee, Andrea Burke, Marc Rosen, Jim Wickis, Leo, 1.5 hrs

11/29 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt.. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, multiflora rose, common buckthorn, bush honeysuckle, Tom Erickson, Denise Legee, Andrea Burke, Marc Rosen, Jim Wickis, Ed Clark, Leo, 1.5 hrs

12/6 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt.. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, multiflora rose, common buckthorn, Denise Legee, Andrea Burke, Jim Wickis, Ed Clark, Leo Belanger, Paul Marble, 1.5 hrs

12/13 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, multiflora rose, common buckthorn, Denise Legee, Andrea Burke, Jim Wickis, Ed Clark, Leo Belanger, Paul Marble, Tom Erickson, Marc Rosen, 1.5 hrs

12/20 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, multiflora rose, common buckthorn, Denise Legee, Andrea Burke, Jim Wickis, Paul Marble, Tom Erickson, Marc Rosen, 1.5 hrs

12/27 Chicken Brook overlook, mgmt. of oriental bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, autumn olive, barberry, multiflora rose, common buckthorn, bush honeysuckle; Denise and Gary Legee, Andrea Burke, Jim Wickis, Leo Belanger, Ed Clark, Marc Rosen, 1.5 hrs

Work hours: 425.5

Invasive species managed: glossy buckthorn, common buckthorn, oriental bittersweet, autumn olive, multiflora rose, Japanese barberry, garlic mustard, Japanese stilt grass, gray willow, Japanese knotweed, bush honeysuckle (2 species), wild parsnip

Depending on the specifics of each location, any of these management techniques were employed: 1, removal from the ground by hand pulling or weed wrench; 2, cutting down, using hand saws and loppers; 3, covering stumps with opaque plastic. All volunteers are affiliated with the Medway Trail Club and/or the Open Space Committee.