

**September 4, 2012
Open Space Committee
Medway Senior Center
Oakland St.
Medway, MA 02053**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Attendance	Tina	Jim	Paul	Pat	Glenn	Bruce	Mike
Present	x	x	x		x	x	X
Absent with notice				x			
Absent without notice							

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:06 pm.

There were no comments from the public.

Amphitheatre Project:

The Chairman informed the Committee that she spoke with a representative who was instrumental in deciding which towns get the grants. There was a suggestion that we recommend the trail with Franklin. The Committee discussed that they could reapply for the grant during the next submittal cycle.

Village Street Canoe and Fish Pier Update:

Member Hamblin brought a copy of the application which will be submitted once the Chairman signs the application. Tina will copy, scan and forward the application to the noted entities on the application. Member Hamblin would also like a copy of the signed document.

Member Hamblin informed the Committee that the configuration of land will be expensive. He does not recommend soliciting bids. This will cost between \$75,000-\$100,000. This needs to go through the Conservation Commission first.

Community Farm:

Member Francis communicated that there is not much to update. His goal is to present the Request for Determination of Applicability to the Conservation Commission Agent Karen. A site walk will be scheduled.

The Committee would like to create a maintenance plan with the DPW. The farmers agreed to mow the portion of trail a few times a year. The DPW would not need this responsibility. It was suggested that the DPW could do some pruning to keep back growth. This is not a thickly forested area. If any trees have fallen we would need someone to clear this with a chain saw. It was suggested that this could be done through volunteers or DPW.

Land Gifting Guidelines:

The Committee is in receipt of a document entitled Land Guidelines dated August 21, 2012 from the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee decided to have the Chairman draft the recommended three changes to include 1. Medway consider land acceptance that..... and 2. Medway may consider instead of will not consider land acceptance that... and 3. Medway will not consider land that appears to be gifted simply to reduce tax burden for taxpayer with no benefit to town or has a risk of having been contaminated.

Glenn Murray will follow-up with the Conservation Commission.

Member Marble does not want to use the definition in bullet one since the writing of it is ambiguous.

The fact that the parcel is not buildable is not relevant.

The Committee was in agreement that the land gifting guidelines should be considered on a case by case basis and that Open Space should be notified about any proposals.

Iarussi Trail:

The Committee discussed that Iarussi Trail is completely overgrown. The Certificate of Compliance has been issued.

There needs to be a way to access further. We do not know where it goes.

Member Wickis was wondering about the parking.

The Chairman responded that there was parking for one car and if this area is cleaned out, it could fit two cars or maybe three.

Open Space would have liked the Planning Board to have required maintenance a part of the Certificate of Action.

The goal of Open Space is to have parking in place by November 1, 2012. This will be for 1 handicap spot and two regular spaces.

The Committee would like Phase one to be completed. The Chairman will be attending Community Preservation Committee to ask for \$5,000. The Committee would like to install the split rail fence and signs. This area will need mowing, brush clearing and a couple of plantings.

The Committee would like the town to mow in the fall.

The Chairman has priced out fencing and 200 ft. is about \$1,000.

The Chairman also mentioned granite benches.

Member Wickis suggested waiting until the plants throw their seeds and then mow. When he conducted the site visit he didn't see grasses but a few plantings. The Committee discussed white pine, red maples, and some other plants that require low maintenance. There was a suggestion to have some evergreens.

The Chairman does not want white pine, but doesn't mind cedar. She would like to see wildflowers, daisies, and black eyed susans.

Member Wickis suggested cedar, inkberry and holly.

The Committee discussed that something will need to be done with the vines.

Member Wickis responded that if this area continues to be mowed over the next couple years, this will get rid of the vines

Chairman Wright wanted to know if the vines could be sprayed.

Member Wickis responded, that we cannot spray without a license and this is done with the permission of the Conservation Commission.

The Open Space Committee discussed having the clean-up day on October 16, 2012. The goal would be to finish the path, clear the brush and put in the pipe and fence.

The Chairman suggested that the Committee meet before October 16th to be specific about where the fence will go.

The DPW has the machine to dig the holes and Open Space can put in the fence.

The West side drainage pipe will be put in ASAP.

The Chairman showed the Committee a copy of the map which Consultant Carlucci had completed. The Committee agreed that this was not what the Committee conceptualized. The Committee discussed having this redrawn.

There was a question about the funding for this. It was suggested that they go to CPA for funds. There was a suggestion that a larger amount of money be sought for the final drawing. There was also discussion that the Design Review Committee is another resource.

There was a recommendation that when this is presented to the Town, have a landscape architect be involved.

It was suggested to request money for crushed stone from CPC to finish this to the river. We could contract this out and not burden DPS.

The Chairman also wanted to get loam down there.

The Committee will try to speak with a landscaper and will get a quote.

Action Items:

The Chairman will email Allison regarding the land gifting guidelines.

Iarussi Trail Clean-Up October 14, 2012

Finish Parking Lot

Schedule a meeting with DPW, Fred, Tina, and Jim

Call Dan Hooper for drawing of Amphitheater

The Chairman will go to CPA next week

Sign (canoe launch this way).

Trash (carry in and carry out policy)

August 4, 2012 Minutes:

These will be tabled until the next meeting.

The Committee will go into Executive Session to discuss --- and will adjourn the meeting from executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm from executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

