

**January 2, 2013  
Open Space Committee  
Medway Senior Center  
Oakland St.  
Medway, MA 02053**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>Attendance</b>	Tina	Jim	Paul	Pat	Glenn	Bruce	Mike
Present	x	X	x	X			
Absent with notice					X	X	X
Absent without notice							

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 pm at the Medway Senior Center.

**Comments from the Public:**

There were no comments from the public.

**Review of the minutes:**

**On a motion made by Jim Wickis and seconded by Paul Marble, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from December 4, 2012 with the noted revisions.**

**Members:**

The Committee discussed the status of Glen Murphy and the Committee is comfortable with him attending in April. There are no other members interested in serving as liason from Conservation Commission.

**Update on status of Idylbrook PARC Grant:**

There is no update on the PARC grant.

**Update on status of Amphitheatre Property Plan:**

There continues to be more improvement with cutback cuttings at the Amphitheater Property. The goal is to have the brush pile pulled out by the middle of April. There is no update on the parking. Paul will continue to follow-up on this with both an email and telephone call.

There was a suggestion to have April 27, 2013 be the weekend when the installation of the split rail fence can be completed. The parking would need to be completed prior.

The Chairman indicated that she walked the site and did some cutting. There was not a lot of trash observed. There was discussion about clearing near the

swimming rock to create a vista from the water area, up to the river. The Committee agreed that this is a good idea. This would allow for the view of the two scenic spots. Member Wickis will work on this through the winter. There was further discussion about having and creating a natural path on the top of Village St. at the corner which belongs to the town.

**Village Street Canoe and Fish Pier Update:**

The Chairman will follow-up with Bruce on this issue.

**Community Farm:**

Member Wickis communicated that the Conservation Commission is in support of having a trail there as long as there is no moving of soil. The intention is to clear brush. This will be completed as an eagle-scout project.

The Committee would like to see signage at this site. It would be helpful to have trail maps with arrows.

**Draft of Land Gifting Guidelines:**

The Open Space Committee has reviewed the land gifting guidelines. The Committee is comfortable with how the document is worded. The Chairman will follow-up with an email to the Town Administrator.

**Budget Update:**

The Chairman will submit the budget including money for signage.

**Trail Sign:**

The Chairman will put signage into the FY2014 budget. The Committee wants consistency with all signs.

**Parks and Recreation Review Update:**

The Board of Selectmen have initiated this RFP process for the Parks and Recreation review through consultants. The Open Space Committee would like to be part of this process since this is part of the master plan.

The Committee would like to do a site walk at Oak Grove and also at the Briggs property. The Committee will be setting up a date and time in the future.

There was a concern brought up in regard to ATV's at Idylbrook. It was observed that snow mobiles had made a mess. There are no signs posted about ATV's. There was a suggestion about putting up gates.

There was also an observation of the rising beaver dam at Idylbrook. The lodge is enormous. It was suggested that we could put in a diverter. Some of the trails are now wet. This will have to be addressed at some point.

The Chairman indicated that the estimate for the four acre parcel will be ready by the end of the week.

The members reviewed a map of the Open Space parcels in Medway which was created by Member McMallam.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting date is February 5, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center, 76 Oakland Street.

**Adjourn:**

**On a motion made by Paul Marble and Pat McMallam, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Recording Secretary