

**Town Of Medway
Open Space Committee**
155 Village Street
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

Meeting Minutes on November 4, 2014

**Medway Senior Center
Oakland Circle**

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Paul Marble	Pat McHallam	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent with notice						
Absent without notice						

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

Minutes:

On a motion made by Bruce Hamblin and seconded by Paul Marble, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from October 7, 2014.

Village Street:

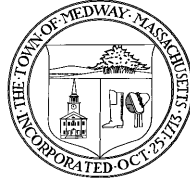
Member Marble met with the Town Administrator and the \$20,000 for engineering was being taken off the warrant. Town counsel indicated that this is not considered an improvement. If there was a study to be done, it would then have to look at every access being handicap accessible.

The Committee discussed that there are no ADA rules about trails. They can request a waiver for this project due to the slope of the land. The Committee would like to put something on the warrant for the spring town meeting. It was further discussed that the members want to draft the warrant article in the future. The previous article was drafted by the administrative assistant and the open space committee was not able to review.

Action:

- Apply for waiver.

The members were made aware that there is a workshop on trails to be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014.



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Canoe Launch:

The Committee was informed that rocks have been placed at the canoe launch to help with the displacement of the launch and the washing out/erosion.

Member Francis was on site to decide on a location for the kiosks.

The Chairman attended the CPC meeting and there were in amendable to finishing this area. This will include a bench. The Conservation Agent is rewriting the Order of Conditions. The Open Space Committee would like to remove some of the invasives. There is a suggestion to plant native grasses.

Action:

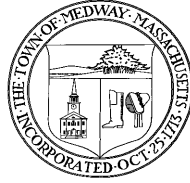
- Do a canoe race in the future
- Member Hamblin will follow-up about other spots for canoe launch.
- Coordinate with the trout stocking event
- Invite a representative from the Charles River Association for possible event. Member McHallam will follow-up
- Remove invasives

Amphitheater:

The Commission would like to have a work day to get rid of some of the locus trees. There are also some trees leaning across the trail. There was discussion about putting up a structure around the carting machine. There could also be inclusion of some history. The Design Review Committee thought that this would be good. The pictures/literature could be under Plexiglas. Nothing big will be taken out.

Action:

- Work weekend on Sunday November 23, 2014 at 10:00am.



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Kiosks:

Member Francis has been in touch with Fred Sibley in regards to the Kiosks. They will be scheduling a time to dig the holes. The date for this will be determined. It was explained that the parks and recreation is not assisting with the setting up of the kiosks. There will need to be further coordination on whose will be tasked with putting these up. Member Francis volunteered to be on site to lend a hand. The sites for the kiosks were chosen. The posts are already marked with the right depth and the gravel will need to be added. Depending on timing of weather, the kiosks may not go in until spring.

Action:

- Holes to be dug Fred Sibley.
- Member Francis will propose a meeting with Fred Sibley on weekday and see if he can find staff to put in the other kiosks. Member Wickis and McHallam are available if needed.

Briggs Trail:

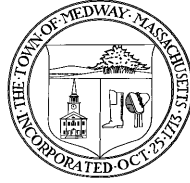
There were two site visits at the Briggs Trail site. The trail route was walked and flagged with the contractor and Tom Holder. The Conservation Agent will be looking at the drainage tomorrow. The proposed trail was shown to the members. There is a buffer and it will have white pines. There will be a 6 ft. wide gravel path. One or two of the boulders will need to be relocated. There is some pink flagging noting the edge of the wetlands. DPS will decide if gravel or natural surface is best. The Conservation Agent is amendable to keep it natural, but if it is finished with gravel, there will be less erosion. The stone will maintain the integrity of the area. This is permeable. They did not like the idea of the additional trail from parking lot to pavilion.

There is a lot of trash accumulating. This could be a spring clean sweep project.

The last item discussed was the entrance from Adams Street. There is a break in the stone wall and there is an objection for any parking in this area or off of Adams Street. The trail where routed comes within 50 ft. of Adams Street. This is a natural entrance. It was suggested to talk with the Planning Board.

Chairman Wright thought that the town may have more land and she will reach out to the Briggs Trust.

Action:



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- Member Marble will mention to Allison about the Spring Clean Sweep.
- Make the meadow be maintained or cut down. – Paul Marble will bring up with Town Administrator- mowing once a year.
- Speak with Planning Board when project done to discuss Adams Street and put gravel or chain at gate. This is a scenic road and better to put a chain fence across and make it a walking trail and see how the residents handle this trail.
- Reach out to Briggs Trust.

Other Items:

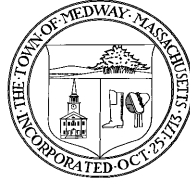
- The members wanted to know if Laura Bockoven has officially resigned since member Marble may have an interested resident. Member Francis may also have possible member who is interested in serving.
- The ATV's have been ripping up the trails at Idlybrook. There are no gates. It was recommended to put in steel gates with locks. This will need to be brought up with the town administrator.
- The Chairman wants a subcommittee formed with CPC, DPW, Parks, and Open Space. The maintenance plan should be included as part of the master plan.
- There is encroachment happening near the police station. There should be a cease and desist order issued. Member Marble will talk to Jim Wheeler.
- The town received a grant for \$100,000. Open Space was asked to provide ideas. It was suggested a playground at Idylbrook. The Committee is not clear about the scope of the grant.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Paul Marble and seconded by Jim Wickis, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Approved December 2, 2014



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