

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

Tina Wright, Chairman
Jim Wickis, Vice-Chairman
Paul Marble - Clerk
Bruce Hamblin
Patrick McHallam
Glenn Murphy
Mike Francis

Meeting Minutes on June 3, 2014

**Medway Senior Center
Oakland Circle**

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

The meeting was not opened until 7:30 pm when the Chairman arrived.

Millstone Village:

Engineer, Rob Truax was present to discuss the open space area at Millstone Village. He communicated to the Committee that the parking access for the open space area will not be on Iarussi Way. The trails and parking would be located on the easterly side. The applicant will be attending then next planning board meeting to finalize the trail. This will be documented on the final plans. The abutters were comfortable with the new location of the trail access.

The parking will be within the development. There was an existing trail and it has not been agreed to in the plan. The land near the power lines is very wet and some of the yards are cleared to property lines. There is a nice high area for parking.

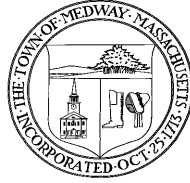
Parking:

On a motion made by Paul Marble and seconded by Jim Wickis, the OpenSpace Committee voted unanimously to approve the parking plan Millstone Village as presented.

Iarussi Trail:

The Committee took attendance of those residents present to discuss the Iarussi Trail.

There were several abutters present with concerns about the Iarussi Trail. The Open Space Committee explained that this trail was walked by some of the open space committee members



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

Tina Wright, Chairman
Jim Wickis, Vice-Chairman
Paul Marble - Clerk
Bruce Hamblin
Patrick McHallam
Glenn Murphy
Mike Francis

and the conservation agent. There is nothing planned for this trail. The initial path is owned by the Conservation Commission. One of the goals is to connect the trail throughout town and this trail would make it possible. This is not the trail for today, but trail for tomorrow.

The residents were concerned that there was nothing noted in their deeds about walking paths behind their homes. The residents knew it was never going to be touched since it was conservation land. They were told that it was protected. One of the residents mentioned that there are rare species in this area.

Member Wickis responded that there are no rare species in Medway.

The residents indicated that a good portion of this area is wet.

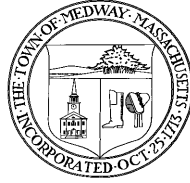
The Open Space Committee indicated that they do not have the ability to fill in wetlands to make a trail. This is a decision by the Conservation Commission. The town would need to formally submit a notice of intent.

Member Wickis provided the background information about this site letting the residents know that some years back the planning board did not follow up on a walking path and this was left for a committee like this and we have not been approached directly by anyone about this. Member Wickis indicated that he does not like where the trail is unless the neighbors agree. The open space committee would not go for a trail like that. The larger objective is to have a connection with Chicken Brook.

Member Marble noted that we do not want to limit to what may happen, but we do not want to ruin anyone's backyard.

Abutter Murphy responded that the idea of trails are good as long as we work together on how to minimize the impact of the neighborhood. It is appropriate to use it, but let's figure out a way to work together. This is right in the direct backyard of some of the abutter. There are wetlands which do pose a problem. He is willing to work with the committee.

The abutters want to be notified of when this moves forward. The Committee responded that they can certainly look at the posted agendas to see if it will be discussed.



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

Tina Wright, Chairman
Jim Wickis, Vice-Chairman
Paul Marble - Clerk
Bruce Hamblin
Patrick McHallam
Glenn Murphy
Mike Francis

Abutter from 1 Iarussi Way is concerned about the devaluation of property.

The Chairman responded that noted that the walkways/trails can go within the buffer and trails often go through the wetlands. We would like the trail to go on the east side and work to put in a buffer. The trail on the west side is already there but it is overgrown.

The Open Space Committee communicated that they are at least a year away from putting the trail in. The Open Space would make a recommendation to the Conservation Commission. There will need to be a more definitive plan.

Member Wickis communicated that it is not a good idea to have a trail around the houses and in the backyards.

A point person from the neighborhood was appointed.

Minutes:

May 6, 2014:

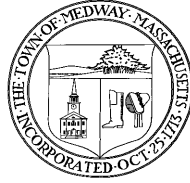
On a motion made by Jim Wickis and seconded by Paul Marble, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from May 6, 2014.

Canoe Launch:

The canoe launch is progression. Soil is being taken out and crushed stone is being brought in. s

Amphitheater:

1. There have been complaints about water and flooding. There was an email sent to Tom Holder who is in charge of DPW. There has not been a response back. Silt is coming down the hill from the gravel parking. There may need a culvert to fill in the gully or drain trough up toward the hill. Suggested maybe doing a rain garden.
2. Member Wickis left a message for Consultant Marchetti from Tetra Tech about the engineering study for a stone dust path to water. There has been no follow-up from him. It was suggested that contacting Susy Affleck-Childs might help.
3. Member Wickis met with the Design Review Committee regarding the big piece of equipment. It was suggested we consider this a historical piece.



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

Tina Wright, Chairman
Jim Wickis, Vice-Chairman
Paul Marble - Clerk
Bruce Hamblin
Patrick McHallam
Glenn Murphy
Mike Francis

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Paul Marble and seconded by Jim Wickis, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland