

**Town Of Medway
Open Space Committee**

155 Village Street
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

**Meeting Minutes on August 5, 2014
Medway Senior Center
Oakland Circle**

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

The meeting was opened by member Wickis at 7:05 pm.

John Schroeder was present and provided pictures of benches with plaques noting the loved one in memory. Mr. Schroeder got the idea from another town and thought this would be great for Medway. These benches could be added around town in the open space areas. Another idea is to also include the planting of a special tree in memory of a loved one. This undertaking would be of no expense to the town.

Mr. Schroeder is seeking to get in writing a recommendation in support from Open Space Committee. The cost for the benches is \$550.00. He will be going to the Design Review Committee next.

There was asked about how the donations for this will work.

Mr. Schroeder responded that the hope is that the parks department will do the installation for free. There is also a possibility that the parks department can get a better price on the benches. As far as the donations, this will need to be worked out.

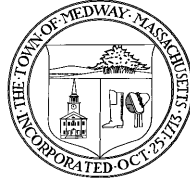
Another suggestion was made for a possible granite slab. It would be great to work with the local granite company.

The Committee liked the idea of having a back with hand rest.

It was suggested having several different choices to select from.

The tree warden can provide a list of trees and where they could go to purchase those.

This could also be a remembrance and memorial for something such as graduation class.



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On a motion made by Paul Marble and seconded by Pat McHallam, the Committee voted unanimously to support the initiative for benches/plaques as presented by Mr. Schroder.

Reorganization:

The Committee was made aware that member Hamblin was not appointed to the Open Space Committee by the Planning Board due to poor attendance.

Chairman:

On a motion made by Paul Marble and seconded by Mike Francis, the Committee voted unanimously to appoint Tina Wright as the Chairman to the Open Space Committee.

Vice Chairman:

On a motion made by Jim Wickis and seconded by Pat McHallam, the Committee voted unanimously to appoint Paul Marble as the Vice Chairman to the Open Space Committee.

Clerk:

On a motion made by Tina Wright and seconded by Paul Marble, the Committee voted unanimously to appoint Jim Wickis as the Clerk to the Open Space Committee.

Member Bockoven would like to serve as a liaison for conservation commission.

Eagle Scout Project Village Street:

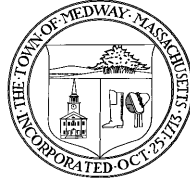
Eagle Scout trail which was at upper Village Street is not being maintained. The Committee discussed that this will need to be only mowed only 20 ft. up to the trail. It was suggested to ask the DPW again and also speak with the Board of Selectmen.

Member Marble will contact the selectmen and will put together proposal. It was also suggested to hold a sub-committee meeting which could to include Conservation Commission, Parks and Recreation, DPS and a member of the BOS. Member Marble will contact the BOS and will get on their agenda.

The Committee did discuss that they would like a few parking spots, but the police department was not in favor of this. They also were no in favor of signage.

60 Village Street Update:

Member Wickis indicated that he has sent out an email recommending that engineering plans be developed. A proposal came back from Tetra Tech. A scope of services was provided which included adding the steps to river for the canoe access.



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Chairman Wright did email Glenn Murphy and he will contact the other Attorney. This information will confirm the town's ownership.

This will be presented at Fall CPC meeting and they will ask for no more than \$20,000.00.

The survey work would be from a prior survey. This price was factored in. A topographic survey will probably need be done. The fence was approved two years ago.

Amphitheater:

Member Wickis has spoken with the DPS about the rain and drainage at the Amphitheater. To date, there has been nothing done.

Member Marble did take pictures of the piece of equipment and will be contacting museums to see if this is a historic piece.

Canoe Launch:

The Canoe launch looks great. There was discussion about cleaning brush at the Millis side. People are canoeing there. There was a discussion about if there will be railings on the launch for fishing There is a large tree in the middle of the river which is blocking canoes. There are also tires in the river.

Member McHallam used it and there were some large trees which need to be removed before the pond. It is going to be difficult since they are in the river. The river is shallow. There are two spots.

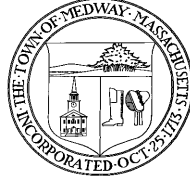
Soil is being taken out and crushed stone is being brought in. The Committee discussed having an opening celebration or event. They also wanted to recognize Bruce Hamblin for all his work on this project.

Member McHallam will email whoever maintains the website to ask them to put something in about the canoe launch.

Gale Report Fields:

The fields project is breaking ground and this is on track as scheduled. Member Francis will be notified when the trails are being put in. It was also suggested that the Conservation Commission Agent be present.

Sign Update:



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- Member Francis went to the Parks and Recreation meeting and showed them the kiosks. They are in favor of the project.
- Photos were provided. Mike received email about a reference in favor of this company.
- The goal is to have these installed by November.
- There was \$25,000 budgeted for kiosks and brochures.
- The Committee will need a formal invoice for paying the bill.

Minutes:

June 3, 2014:

On a motion made by Jim Wickis and seconded by Paul Marble, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from June 3, 2014.

Seacord Property:

The Chairman received an email about the Seacord Property. It is a one acre lot. Member Wickis looked at the site. The site has some big trees but all the rest is dense with invasive. Parts of this are wet. There is really no value. The challenge with this site is that it does not provide connectivity to other open space areas.

On a motion made by Paul Marble and seconded by Jim Wickis, the Committee voted to not recommend pursuing the Seacord Property.

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
Approved 9/2/14