

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

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 3, 2015**

**Medway Senior Center
76 Oakland Circle**

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Denise Legee	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent with notice							
Absent without notice							

Also Present:

Rich DiIluio, Planning Board liaison
Jim Wieler, Facilitator of Master Plan Implementation

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Extension of Adams Street:

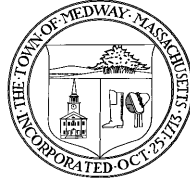
There was discussion about the various town meeting warrant articles.

Article 7:

The Open Space Committee was made aware that Article 7 (Land Acquisition – 54 R Adams Street) is to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire a portion of the parcel of land located at 54 R Adams Street. This land is now owned by George and Charlotte Lee. This is to be used for purposes allowed by the Community Preservation Act. The cost to purchase this land is \$75,000.00. This would be used for the trail from Adams to Lovering.

Article 8:

Article 8, for \$6,500.00, is to cover the Conway School plan previously discussed in the committee.



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Article 9:

Article 9, for \$35,000, is to cover the design of the Adams-to-Lovering trail.

Article 10:

Article 10 covers the “Storywalk” project that was presented to the committee at the July meeting.

Article 11:

Article 11, for \$19,000, is to cover the required update to the town’s Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The town meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16, 2015.

Member Wickis asked about how the committee would meet its prior commitment to reach out to residents of Iarussi Way when trail discussions in the adjoining town property resumed. The Chairman will contact them in advance of the Town Meeting.

Open Space Goal #1:

The members were asked to review the Open Space Goal #1.

Section 8: Open Space and Recreation Goals and Objectives:

The goals and objectives listed below represent an expansion of the goals listed in the Community Goals section. Some of the objectives may appear under more than one goal. They represent more specific, generally measurable, steps that can be taken to advance the goals.

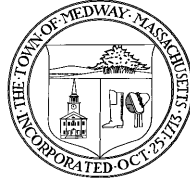
GOAL 1: Identify and protect undeveloped land that directly affects aquifers and groundwater, wildlife habitats, ponds and waterways.

Objectives:

Identify key parcels of land which are most important for protecting natural resources, including water resources and wildlife corridors.

Identify key parcels of land which are most important for protecting historic landscapes and/or community character.

Develop/implement a system of prioritizing parcels for potential acquisition.



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Encourage/promote the incorporation of open space into new development plans (especially by the use of the open space residential subdivision (OSRD) and the Adult Retirement Community Planned Unit Development (ARCPUD) sections of the Zoning Bylaw), and use these tools to establish “eco-corridors” or greenbelts where appropriate.

Acquire additional conservation and open space lands. Encourage donations of open space by landowners.

Support the Open Space Committee to coordinate among Town Boards and Commissions, and contact land owners.

Increase public awareness of the value of open space, and encourage citizen input.

Suggestions:

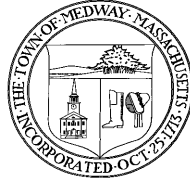
- Define goal of parcels which adhere to the mission statement:
- Recommend taking out the word “key” in relation to parcels since it is limiting.

Jim Wieler indicated that the analysis was completed for the review of the master plan. There were 266 action items and the open space has done a great job at addressing their goals. Jim will be sending in the executive summary to the Board of Selectmen.

Willows ARCPUD Session:

The Committee was made aware that the developer has submitted revised plans. There were two significant changes of interest to the OSC:

1. The applicant has made changes to the type of plants throughout the development which was based on the recommendation provided by Open Space Committee.
2. The trail network has been reduced and handicap accessibility has been removed. The Committee was made aware that the Conservation Commission want the trails on this site will be kept in their natural state. The Open Space Committee did like the initial plans which were going to include education pieces about the vernal pools and wetlands. Under the revised plan, the trails will not be ADA compliant. Member Hamblin is concerned about why the trails are not ADA compliant. It was suggested that he attend the meeting on Tuesday November 10, 2015.



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There was a letter from Susy Affleck-Childs asking if the Committee is satisfied with the revised plans. The Chairman will send a letter to the Planning Board/Conservation about the concern that this is not able to be accessible to all residents and decision about not using the vernal pools as part of the trails with the educational component.

Training Webinar:

The Chairman will be taking an online webinar on accessibility. If any members are interested, she can forward the information.

Work Crew:

The Bridgewater crew had another productive work session the on October 15th and 16th. Growth along the stone wall at Idylbrook was cleared, more bittersweet was cut, and the side trail was reopened. There was further clearing near the water.

Trail Standards:

The Planning Board has asked that the Open Space work on creating trail standards which could be implemented within a decision. Jim Wieler has a copy of standards which could use as a working document. He will forward to the Committee.

Amphitheater:

There will be a meeting Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 10:00 am with Tina Wright, Tetra Tech and the Building Inspector.

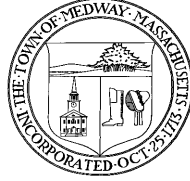
Trees:

Member Williams brought up at the last meeting that there were several newly planted trees in town that have been set too deep, which could cause them to fail. The goal would be to lift these before spring. It was recommended she contact DPS Director Tom Holder and Jim McClain.

Member Williams also prepared a draft of a letter which will be reviewed by the Chairman in regards to offering a support role & asking who should be informed about trees needing adjustment.

Trail Marking:

There was discussion about trail marking. There was a suggestion to use a bright color such as “Disney” red. Jim Wieler communicated that Home Depot sells trail marking paint.



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There are two follow-up action items:

- Member Ross is to walk the Adams trails that have been temporarily tagged by Members Williams, and Legee to see if he concurs with the marked routes.
- Members Ross, Williams, and Legee will select paints and mark the trails at their earliest convenience.

Minutes:

The minutes from October 6, 2015 will be tabled until the next meeting.

Future Meeting:

- **Tuesday, December 1, 2015.**

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Mike Francis, the Open Space Committee adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary