

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

Meeting Minutes on December 1, 2015

**Medway Senior Center
76 Oakland Circle**

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Charlie Ross	Denise Legee	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X	X	X		X	X
Absent					X		

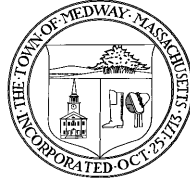
Iarussi Trail:

Residents from Iarussi Street were present at the meeting.

Residents Present:

Eric Lindstrom, 3 Iarussi Way
Stephanie Patte, 13 Iarussi Way
Joseph Connolly, 10 Iarussi Way
Roman Popko, 12 Iarussi Way
Michael Murphy, 11 Iarussi Way

Jim Wieler (Chair, Trails Task Force) explained to the residents that this trail has been in the works dating back to the 1990s. It was mentioned conceptually in the 1999 master plan. In 2009, it was specifically included in the master plan. The recent town meeting article approved the funding for a design contract which will look at possible routes and provide an engineering design, especially for the difficult areas such as wetlands crossings. The Board of Selectmen will meet and sign the contract with Beals and Thomas. The wetlands will be flagged by Beals and Thomas. The town will be applying for a state grant to help fund construction. One of the residents was concerned about the parking on Lovering Street. All were in agreement that there will be no parking on Iarussi. The residents were informed that there was a meeting on site with the conservation commission agent and a representative from the Department of Environmental Protection. The residents were reassured that they will be part of the process. The site will be walked again at the end of the week by the conservation agent. The residents would like to be part of an email distribution list for any information regarding the trail. The town as established a trails task force for this project. Charlie Ross is the OSC liaison to the task force. Charlie will



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report monthly on progress. Michael Murphy from 11 Iarussi will be the lead contact representative for the Iarussi residents and is becoming a member of the task force.

Brochure Distribution:

The Chairman has copies of the recently printed brochures. These will be placed through the town at various locations.

Action Items:

- Library : Mike
- Schools: Bruce
- Plastic sleeves place at kiosk
- Research display holders
- Put labels on brochure that this is available on website
- Further printing include this was funded by CPC.

Lee Property:

There is a concern about it being hunting season and safety concerns for people walking on this land. The Committee will investigate policies on hunting on town property and whether marking (e.g., with signs) may be appropriate in the future.

Email Communications:

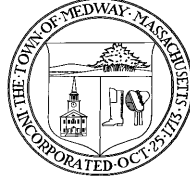
The members discussed the open meeting law as it relates to email communications. There is to be no deliberation on decisions over email. The triggers for deliberation would be including at least a quorum (4 members) in an email thread and expressing an opinion within the committee's scope.

Volunteer Tasks:

The open space committee discussed that they do a lot of volunteer work and it might be beneficial to coordinate these efforts through a club or group that would be completely independent of the town. Some residents will be actively pursuing this in the next month.

Action Item:

- Paint and trail markers – pick a color and blaze the inner and outer trails in the Adams Street woods. (Charlie, Denise, and Joanne)



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- Set up a meeting with Stephanie Mercandetti about rewriting the Charter about systemizing committee work. (Tina)

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Outreach:

There are currently 256 followers on the Open Space Facebook page.

Trail Conference:

Member Legee and Francis attended the trail conference. The session Denise attended was about boardwalks. This information was shared with the committee. The Town of Acton was references. The second session Denise attended was in regards to wildlife and the importance of designing the trails around the sensitive wildlife habitats. Denise will forward her information about the workshops to Jim Wieler.

There was discussion about unleashed dogs on the trails. The workshop Denise attended made reference that some unleashed dogs could go into nesting areas. There is signage at some of the open space areas about dogs, but it is not consistent through town. There is a dog leash bylaw.

Action Item:

- Denise will write a draft of why there is a need for dogs leashed on the trails.

Conway:

The Conway Project will be presented to the Board of Selectmen for signatures. The Open Space Liaison will be Jim Wickis.

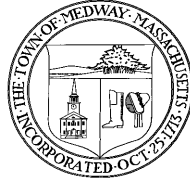
Bresnahan Landing:

The Chairman spoke to Tucker Landscaping about providing a concept plan for cleaning up and landscaping the area.

Amphitheatre Access:

The Open Space Committee is in receipt of a letter from Tetra Tech dated November 30, 2015. This is a proposal to the Medway Open Space Committee for a concept design of access and site improvements at the Amphitheatre. The cost estimate is \$3,000.00

On a motion made by Jim Wickis and seconded by Charlie Ross, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the cost estimate from Tetra Tech as provided in the amount of \$3,000.00.



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There was discussion about a 12 by 12 gazebo. There was a question if this type of structure would be allowed. A copy of the deed was provided and there is language about the exemption of active recreational purposes. It was suggested that this be discussed with Town Counsel.

Action Item:

- Carding Machine (Mike will call Sturbridge Village to see if what's on the Amphitheatre is similar to a machine that they have)

Minutes:

October 6, 2015:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Jim Wickis, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from October 6, 2015.

November 3, 2015:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Bruce Hamblin, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from November 3, 2015.

Work Crew:

The inmate work crew will be in Medway on Monday, December 7 and 9, 2015. One day will be spent in the Meadow. The second day will be at Idylbrook. The DPW indicated that they will pay for the lunch for the inmates. There was a suggestion to have the crew remove the brush and debris pile near Adams Street.

Other business:

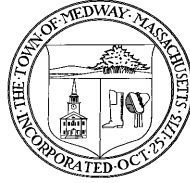
Jim Wieler indicated that there is a need for one or two additional kiosks near the Betania II property boundary. The map was shown referencing where the kiosks should be placed. Charlie Ross mentioned that our long-term plans should also include a kiosk where the Choate-High School trail departs into the woods from the Choate Pond loop trail.

Future Meeting:

- Tuesday, January 5, 2015.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Denise Legee, and seconded by Charlie Ross, the Open Space Committee adjourned their meeting at 9:36 pm.



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Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Approved January 5, 2016