

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

Meeting Minutes on June 2, 2015

**Medway Senior Center
Oakland Circle**

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

Conservation Agent, Bridget Graziano:

Proposed 40 B Project:

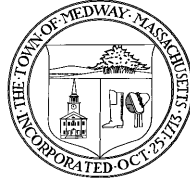
The Conservation Agent explained that in regards to the proposed 40 B proposal, she performed a site visit and reviewed the delineation. In her report, she indicated that the applicant has not appropriately delineated the site. There are additional resource area which need to be determined. Some of the wetland flags on plan correct and others need to be reviewed. There is a perennial stream on site which was not noted on the plan. The army core of engineers will review for fill over 5,000 sq. ft. There will be replication. Due to the amount of fill, this application triggers the jurisdiction of the Army Core of Engineers jurisdiction. The agent has already been in touch with that agency and the agent will send the project directly to them. It was communicated that the conservation chairman believes that portions of the cider mill site has already been filled.

There will be another site visit on Thursday, June 9, 2015.

Conway School:

The Conservation Agent explained that the Conway school proposals should be ready for the fall. The goal is to get the draft completed for the guiding principles and broad management goals for the project. There was a sample provided to the Committee. The second document which needs to be completed is the preliminary scope of work. A sample document of this was also provided.

Bridget explained that we need to make sure the document reflects our goals and meets requirements. This should be completed by August 2015.



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It would be helpful to show pictures of the area with a map and narrative. When the plan is put together, there are usually two stakeholder meetings. They will be interested in knowing how do we make the trails better and revitalized. Bridget indicated that we do not need to put the list in order based on priorities. At the meeting, the committee will determine this. The Conservation Agent will send to the committee the pdf of the Conway project from Sherborn. It was recommended that the parking and entrance from Adams Street be looked at as one of the goals. It was suggested that a site visit be set up for this area. Member Wickis and the Conservation Agent will set up a time to meet on site.

There was a question asked about the use of horticultural vinegar on poison ivy. The Conservation Agent responded that this is something she needs to consult with the Commission about using this type of solution.

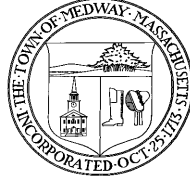
Clearing of River, the boom is down river and clogging with the big tree. Need motorized equipment to pull it up stream. There is 40 to 60 ft. of it. It is around the first bend. You can cut up the tree and bring it out.

Bridget will call MA boating to come get it. Could we wait until the water is low.

Call DPW since it is a safety issue.

Canoe Launch:

The Conservation Agent explained that an Eagle Scout went to the Conservation Commission meeting and asked the Commission to review the proposed project near the canoe launch. Bridget is comfortable with him doing some plantings, but a rain garden would be difficult. There was discussion about putting bench for picnic area. The Chairman's concern is that the location recommended by Commission is right in the sun. She recommends the other side where it is under the tree in the shade and the bench and table could be chained to the tree so the items do not get tossed in the river. The boy-scout will be working under the initial Order of Conditions. He also wanted to put literature in the kiosks. The Open Space Committee recommends that the eagle-scout come to the committee to discuss this since they have a vision for the area. Member Marble recommends that the picnic table be recycled material and not wood and it should have access for wheelchair. The eagle-scout may be able to get money from CPC. It was also suggested that the Conservation Commission could donate \$400.00. The eagle-scout needs to get a cost estimate.



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Member Hamblin noted that this is a project that should have come to the Open Space Committee in the initial phase.

It was recommended that we need someone from the Conservation Commission to be at our meeting to communicate this information back. It was suggested that Ken McKay might be interested.

The Conservation Agent will check to see about drafting some guidelines with collaboration of Open Space and Conservation Commission. It was suggested that there be some type of memorandum of understanding for when a project comes in.

Ampitheater:

There was discussion about the Ampitheater site. There has been no mowing and the path is not being maintained. There needs to be further follow-up with DPW and town. Member Wickis will forward the maintenance plan to Bridget. She will follow-up on this. There needs to be a memorandum of understanding drawn up about who is responsible for maintenance. If the town DPW is not going to do the maintenance, then Bridget will put money in the budget to do this maintenance. There are also encroachment issues which will need to be addressed by the Conservation agent.

Kiosks:

Member Francis informed the Committee that his meeting with Fred Sibley was productive. The location of the kiosks were determined. There was also discussion about the split rail fence.

Online Presence (minutes/agendas):

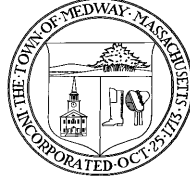
Member Ross has worked on the Virtual Town Hall Open Space website and has fixed the minutes so that they are chronologically listed.

Facebook Statistics:

The Committee was supplied with a print out of the most recent activity of the Open Space site. There are 140 followers.

2009 Master Plan Implementation:

Jim Wieler was present to provide further overviews about the implementation of the 2009 Master Plan. The members provided to Jim various comments about what was achieved. The Committee has made huge strides over the last few years. The Committee was in agreement that



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there were some items on the list that did not belong with Open Space. The goal is to provide the commission with direction; how to address these goals; what will happen over next 10 years.

The Committee did think it would be a good idea to discuss further the implementation of monument boundary markers. There would need some surveying completed. It was suggested that some of the medallion be placed on various trees as markers.

Resignation:

The Open Space Committee was made aware that member Marble and McHallam will not be seeking reappointment to the Open Space Committee. The members were thanked for their service.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Paul Marble and seconded by Pat McHallam, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary
Approved August 4, 2015