

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

Meeting Minutes on August 4, 2015
Medway Senior Center
76 Oakland Circle
Medway, MA 02053

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Charlie Ross	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X	X		X

The Chairman opened the meeting for Open Space Committee at 7:00 pm.

Rich Di Ilulio was present as the liaison for Planning and Economic Development.

Adams Street Map:

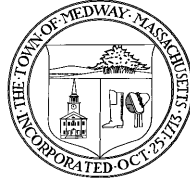
Member Ross shared the updated map of the Choate Park and High School trails. The stone wall was noted. He would like comments on the map provided to him by the next meeting. The goal is to have the map posted on Facebook by Labor Day. He will talk with the Conservation Agent about the wetland areas and trails along the wetlands.

Canoe Launch:

The CPC met and voted to provide funding for the Eagle Scout project. Member Wickis noted that a sugar maple is an upland tree and he believes that a silver maple would work better tree to use to stabilize the bank. The Chairman explained to the Committee that the picnic table was put there by the town and not the eagle-scout. The eagle-scout will be finishing the area. Member Hamblin indicated that there is a massive tractor tire to the east and the trash has not been emptied in four weeks. It was suggested to get a trash barrel with a cover.

Salmon Adult Retirement:

Jeff Robinson from The Willows provided the Open Space Committee with maps of the proposed development, trails and open spaces. He provided a brief overview of the medical office building, parking and gazebo area. The parking for the trails was noted. The abutters did not want to see parking from Village Street so it was moved behind medical building. There are single, duplex cottages, independent living and assisted memory care. There is a dining venue and a seasonal porch and deck which overlooks the pond. They encourage ice skating in the



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winter. There is a trail system already there and plan to look at working with conservation to improve the trails. The trail will have crush run or woodchips. The applicant wants the paths passable and usable. There will be 1.7 miles of trails. There is a spot where a canoe can be launched. A resident asked if they could use pavers for a portion of the trails; but the applicant responded that Conservation does not recommend pavers. The developer guaranteed that there will be parking for those wanting to use the trails. There can also be signage. There needs to be a conservation easement for open space which would include public access easement across the land. The language of this will be put in for maintenance of trail agreement. The easement would be permanent and would be worded that the green space can never be developed. The trails will not allow for bicycles. Member Hamblin informed the applicant that there are elderly tricycles. There will be no plantings in the open space. It will be left in its natural state. Member Wickis wanted to know if the public access will be forever. The developer responded that the public access would be forever. The easements are part of the deal. Member Wickis did bring up his concern as it relates to the construction and clearing and then revegetating with plantings. Jim Wickis provided the members with a marked up list of plantings. The concern with the potential invasive listed is that since they do not exist currently on site, that putting them in a landscape plan will allow them to move into the adjacent open space. The pachysandra is non-native and can migrate into the woodland area. Member Wickis provided a sheet for the members to reference regarding the invasive/native plants. The hope is that the developer will consider the recommendations from open space in regards to substituting some of the suggested plants. The developer has no issues with making the substitutions but will like to speak with his landscape architect.

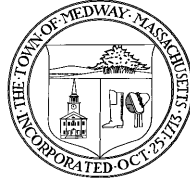
Plants in Question:

Japanese Holly: exotic (suggest inkberry)
Wintercreeper: potential invasive
Dwarf Maiden Grass: potential invasive
Dwarf Fountain Grass: potential invasive
Japanese spurge: needs landscaping control

Following Recommendations:

- Guarantee of parking for the public – put on plan/easement.
- Permanent guarantee of public access
- Signage noting parking for trails – kiosk
- Written maintenance guarantee of trails.

The Chairman will provide a response letter to the Planning and Economic Development Board.



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The next public hearing on the Willows is scheduled for Tuesday August 11, 2015. The focus topic will be drainage.

Amphitheater:

The Chairman informed the Committee that she has been in communication with Consultant Bouley from Tetra Tech. It is the agreement of all to keep this area in its natural state.

Conway project:

The CPC will vote the first week in September for the funding of the Conway project.

Other Business:

The Chairman met with Andy Rodenhiser about the maintenance of the open space parcels. It was indicated that a process be created and possibly set up a fund that developers make to contribute into to address the maintenance issues. There would need to be an inventory done of the parcels. This might be something and intern to do as far as cataloging parcels.

Member Hamblin noted that he volunteered to be on playground committee and he has not been contacted. The Chairman will ask Selectmen Trindade.

Member Hamblin shared a Consultant Report from RKG which he will provide to the Chairman. There was a reference about the development review process which specifically noted not to contact open space committee. He would like open space to be involved in projects which have open space.

Minutes:

June 2, 2015:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Jim Wickis, the Open Space Committee voted to accept the minutes from the June 2, 2015 meeting.

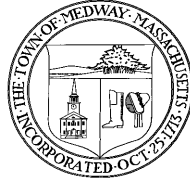
July 7, 2015:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Jim Wickis, the Open Space Committee voted to accept the minutes from the July 7, 2015 meeting with revisions.

Future Meeting Date:

- September 1, 2015

Adjourn:



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The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland

Approved September 1, 2015