

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

**Meeting Minutes on September 1, 2015**

**Medway Senior Center  
76 Oakland Circle  
Medway, MA 02053**

<b>Attendance</b>	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Joanne Williams	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	

The Conservation Agent Bridget Grazianno was present.

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

**Maps:**

The Committee was presented with three maps which were created by member Ross

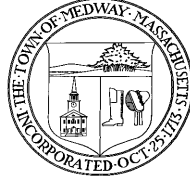
- Choate Trail Detail Map
- Choate park and High School Trail
- Adams Street Trail Detail

**Suggestions:**

- Maps will be posted on website by Labor Day.
- Put a QR code on maps and laminate on the other kiosks.
- Put numbers on Fields. (check with Fred Sibley)
- At the Choate Trail – suggest walking to see if it could connect. (Denise will walk site)

**Adam Street- Work Needed:**

- Remove tagged invasive plants/trees
- Remove wheelbarrow and other metal
- Mark Outer loop and inner loop color and connecting loop (color) (three trails)
- Remove trail blockage (branches)
- Remove barbed wire along stone wall



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**Conway School:**

The Committee was presented with the following:

- Draft Memo dated September 13, 2015 to the Conway School.
- Proposed management goals for Medway's Open Space and Conservation Lands.
- Proposed management goals- received comments and incorporated comment and approved by Conservation August 13, 2015 mtg.
- Information regarding the Conway Scope of Work for the ecological study.

The goal is to get this approved in October 2015. The work would be completed spring 2016. The cost to do this is \$6,500. The money needs to be approved at town meeting. There will need to be a warrant article written.

The Board of Selectmen are responsible for naming these areas but the following was discussed:

- Adams Street Natural Area
- Adams Street Meadow

**On a motion made by Charlie Ross, and seconded by Jim Wickis, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the draft as amended and the proposed management plan.**

Bridget informed the committee that she is planning on discussion the Conway School projects at the following meetings:

- CPC September 8, 2015
- Board of Selectmen's agenda for September 14, 2015

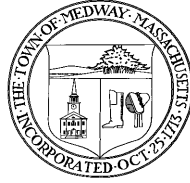
She would appreciate any support from committee members at those meetings.

**Choate Trail Extension:**

The Committee discussed why the rocks are so big on the new trail. It was suggested that the specifications of the substandard type material be reviewed. Mike Francis will address this at the next EMFRAC meeting.

**Adams Street Meadow Site Work:**

The Chairman met with the representative from the minimum security inmate's crew from Bridgewater and they are willing to assist with some of the clean-up activities. They will be able to cut limbs, clean brush and move piles of dirt. It was suggested that they remove some of the buck thorn. The goal is to have the crew the week of September 14, 2015.



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**System of Connecting Trails:**

The Committee was supplied with a draft dated August 31, 2015 for scope of services for engineering consultant to develop a system of connecting trails on town owned properties known as the Medway Link Trail. The proposed segment of trail is approximately one mile. There will also be a task force for project management which will consist of two members of the open space committee a representative from Conservation Commission and its agent and up to two citizens.

**Canoe Launch:**

There has been work completed at the canoe launch. There has been a trees/shrubs planted, and loam. The picnic table has been moved near the bigger tree. It looks nice.

There was discussion about asking CPC for funding for concrete trash barrels and picnic tables. The trash cans which could be anchored to the ground. There was a representative at a previous meeting discussing putting some memorials/sponsorship in these areas.

**Action Item:**

- Ask Design Review Committee and Parks and Recreation if there is any consistency of signs/memorials/benches throughout town.

**Gardening Program:**

Mr. John Root wants to sponsor and go to cultural council to provide a gardening program. This is a two hour program. [www.johnroot.net](http://www.johnroot.net).

**Action Item:**

- Member Williams will look into it and provide thoughts.

**Amphitheatre:**

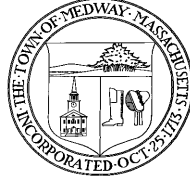
The Chairman met with Engineer Bouley from Tetra Tech at the site. There is funding for the concept plan and stairs. All in agreement to keep it in its natural state.

**Action Item:**

The tree in the water near the amphitheater still needs to come out.

- Bridget will follow-up along with Mike Francis.

**Minutes:**



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**On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Jim Wickis, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from August 4, 2015.**

**Willows:**

Member Ross attended the public hearing on the Willows. The Planning and Economic Development Committee appreciated receiving comments from the Open Space Committee. There was concern about the trails going through the wetlands.

**Action Item:**

- Chairman will follow-up with a telephone call to developer thanking them for making a good faith effort to work with us.

**Other Business:**

**Future Meeting Date:**

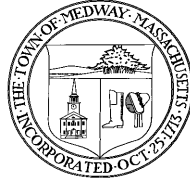
- October 6, 2015

**Adjourn:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Approved October 6, 2015



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