

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

**Meeting Minutes on February 2, 2016**

**Medway Senior Center  
76 Oakland Circle**

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

**Medway Link Trail Community Forum:**

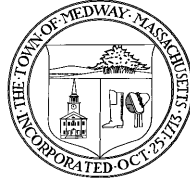
The Town held a Medway Link Trail Community Forum on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Thayer House. Beals and Thomas Senior Associate Robert Weidknecht spoke about the trail design. Town Meeting approved use of the community preservation acts funds to acquire additional open space land north of Adams Street and to design a new segment of the Medway Link Trail. The purpose of the meeting was to review the overall concept and vision for the Medway Link Trail. There were a list of action items created for the Trail Task Force to follow-up on in regards to the various cost options.

There was concern about one of the options going through the wetland area and not being able to get the approval from the Conservation Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection. The Conservation Commission will be discussing this further at their meeting which is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2016. The Open Space Committee will meet in a joint meeting with them. There will be a site walk visit on Saturday February 6, 2016 at 10:00 am with several members of the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen.

Resident Karen Linstrom was present as a representative of the Iarussi group.

There was discussion about the accessibility. There is an opportunity on the southern portion of the main trail. The northern part is more challenging. However, given the interest expressed at the Community Forum, all options are being considered.

The Town Administrator will consult with town counsel about the legal requirements regarding accessibility.



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Earlier in January there was a meeting with the Iarussi residents at one of the residents' house to discuss the trail possibilities.

**Brochure:**

There was discussion about correcting the brochure #3 since there is no parking. Member Ross has obtained the full data base from previous member McHallam. It was also recommended to label the newly expanded parcel as the "Chicken Brook Nature Corridor."

**Work on Adams Meadow:**

The Open Space Committee would like to see in place a process in regards to work being done at the town owned open space parcels. It was suggested to communicate with Fred Sibley about coordinating efforts. There was also a suggestion to have someone from the DPS and Conservation Commission attend our meeting to discuss possible tasks for work completion and meeting the requirements of a maintenance plan.

**Medway Clean Sweep Day:**

The Annual Medway Clean Sweep day will be held on April 9, 2016. The Committee needs to decide on a focus area for this event, and agreed upon of Lovering Street near Iarussi Way.

**Minutes:**

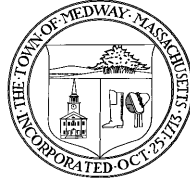
**January 5, 2016:**

**On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Jim Wickis, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from January 5, 2016 with noted revisions.**

**Medway Trail Club:**

There will be trail club event on Sunday February 7, 2016 from 1:00 am – 3:00 am. This will take place at the high school. There will be a bonfire with guided walks.

**Other Business:**



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The Committee reviewed a map of a parcel behind Medway County Manor. This parcel abuts the VFW. The Committee noted that the primary value would be to preserve the wetlands. The Committee is not opposed to accepting lands which have wetlands.

Member Hamblin went to the meeting about the Army Core of Engineer land which abuts the Charles. There is an effort led by Franklin resident Alan Earls (who appeared in front of the Committee in April of last year) to develop a use plan which will be in conjunction with various communities. There is going to be possible funding from the Regional Planning Commission. This will include signage and parking. There will be another meeting on February 25, 2016.

Member Wickis was seeking guidance from the Open Space Committee about the possibility of creating literature on birds. He is seeking any avid bird watchers who may want to provide him with information which can be added to the kiosks. The Open Space Committee thought this could be good information to put on the facebook page along with information the Medway Trail Club. There was also a suggestion that this bird information is something that possibly the Conway School could look at.

**Future Meeting:**

- **Tuesday, March 1, 2016.**

**Adjourn:**

**On a motion made by Denise Legee, and seconded by Charlie Ross, the Open Space Committee adjourned their meeting at 9:26 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland