

**TOWN OF WAYLAND – RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
**Dudley Woods Walking Trails Public Input Meeting Minutes**

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 AT 6:00PM**

Wayland Town Building | 41 Cochituate Road | Wayland MA 01778

Held in Council on Aging Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

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**Present** Asa Foster, Chair; Frank Krasin; Heidi Seaborg; Brud Wright; Anna Meliones  
Recreation: Ed Sanderson, Katherine Brenna

**Absent**

**Guests**

Ben Gary – Consultant, Marshall | Gary, LLC.

Residents

Karen Lowery, 120 Lakeshore Drive on behalf of Mike Miller, 6 Cross Street

Mike Lowery, 120 Lakeshore Drive

Tonya Largy, 59 Moore Road, Consultant in Archaeology

Kay Westcott, 5 Richard Road

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**6:00 PM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Asa Foster called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**6:05 PM PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Karen Lowery, Lake Shore Drive – speaking on behalf of Mike Miller, Cross St. Doesn't want trail across Cross St. Very wet street. Tadpole habitat. Suggested there is no trail over Cross St.

**6:05 PM INTRODUCTION**

Ed Sanderson, Interim Rec Director

Ben Gary – Consultant, Marshall | Gary, LLC for design and construction of project.

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**6:10 PM OVERVIEW OF PROJECT TO DATE/SITE DESIGN**

Ben - Presents the plan for Dudley Walking Trails: 8 acres of land, some steep topography, light green areas on the schematic are designated ceremonial sites that require further testing, so will avoid working in those areas. Four parking spaces are proposed and the trail will be ADA accessible. Two Main Entrances. Trail wanders around the site to make it more interesting and ADA accessible. 100ft away from nearest residence. Trail is 5ft wide and porous pavement. There is an area that is Conservation Wetlands (tadpole area adjacent to Cross St. mentioned above in public comment), not disturbing that area. Also feature park benches, composite wood. Will feature low signs 150' apart that tell history of the land, glacial history, and history of Dudley Pond. Nearby Elementary school, educational and recreational for residents.

Questions?

Brud - Rocky Point, made adjustments to keep it drier? So, it's no longer a problem.

Asa – Seasonal use only, so no plowing proposed.

Ben – Snowshoeing, etc. but not plowing.

Mike Lowery - porous pavement requires maintenance. Is there a plan for porous pavement?

Maybe consider composite wood

Ben – May not choose porous pavement to avoid that.

Brud – we need to consult with DPW to determine if there is a maintenance plan or cost associated with it as it relates to the MOU.

Mike Lowery – BoPW – could hire a contractor, consult the church.

Ben - Conservation raised same issue of vacuuming to keep pavement porous, therefore we may choose to go with standard concrete instead.

Brud – asks if there is a budget in town to maintain sidewalks with a tree company, that would have to be added to the contract. DPW does take care of downed trees per Mike Lowery.

Ben – minimal vegetation problems, none are too expensive.

Resident and Mike Lowery – do you need a 5ft radius area for wheelchairs to turn around?

Pond Drive will have gravel initially and be ADA compliant, but over time with vehicles driving on it the gravel will become rutted and no longer be ADA compliant.

Ben – We can add it.

Mike Lowery – concern for litter, things left behind in the woods.

Ben - Town Surveyor, Alf Berry, will stake out the route after ATM on April 2. Saw tires, pipes, construction equipment, etc. Once it's staked out, we will be able to walk it, and see.

Tonya Largy – Information about archaeological monitoring?

Ben – Included archaeologist to oversee earthwork is part of the contract

Kay – abutter has erected a fence in the last 3 years, parks vehicles on the Dudley property. In line of sight from corner of Curtis and main.

Asa – if it's on the town property, we will address it. Alf will assess with property line of residence of Main/Curtis.

**6:35 PM**      **NEXT STEPS**

Annual Town Meeting April 2

**6:36 PM**      **FEEDBACK, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

None.

**6:37 PM**      **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Lowery, thanks to the Board for persevering to get this project done.

**6:38 PM**      **TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING**

None.

**6:38 PM**      **MEETING ADJOURNED**

Adjourn; There being no further business before the Recreation Commission Heidi Seaborg moved, seconded by Frank Krasin, to adjourn the meeting of the Recreation Commission at 6:38pm; Discussion: None; Vote: 5-0-0.

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