

## **WEST BOYLSTON OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Animal Medical Center, Conference Room  
29 Prospect Street  
West Boylston, MA 01583

**Wednesday, May 6, 2009**

Members Present: Dr. Tashjian, Barbara Wyatt, Brenda Bowman, Vin Vignaly

Members Absent: Jim Edmundson, Brian Bjorklund, Ray DeSanti

Dr. Tashjian called the meeting to order at 7:10. Vin to be clerk for the meeting.

The minutes from the February 2, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved as amended. Motion by Barbara, seconded by Brenda.

The minutes from the March 5, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved. Motion by Barbara, seconded by Brenda.

Vin reviewed the public notice from the DCR that the payment in lieu of taxes for FY10 has gone up from \$569,752.24 to \$602,756.00. Barbara will draft an article/information for the Banner to make the benefits of these open spaces more public. She will also contact Bonnie Yasick, the Town Treasurer, to verify the highest tax payers in town. Vinny initially found that Salem Community Corp (\$130,000), Angell Brook (\$110,000), 100 Hartwell St (\$100,000), and Fed Ex (\$86,000) were the top taxpayers. The payment by DCR is almost 5 times more than the highest "taxpayer" in West Boylston.

The committee recognized a letter of thanks received from the Town Administrator for completing the Open Space and Recreation Plan update.

Dr. T reviewed the status of the AVMF Master Plan: Phase I - Sentinel Animal and Phase II - Lee St. Campus and Hospital are proceeding for funding through the MA Stimulus Funding process separate from the Town projects. Dr. T is still encouraging a partnership with the town, who is now considering purchasing property at 150 Hartwell St on the May 2009 warrant.

Discussion of concerns regarding the Selectmen's swap of land with DCR occurred. The West Boylston rail trail land and River Road in exchange for DCR land on Prospect Street. Vin reiterated that he works for DCR, so should not be a signator on correspondence. Comments were made to the draft that was circulated at the meeting prepared by Jim

Brenda reported as a member of the Housing Partnership that the Town's coordination of Housing issues and responsibilities needs to be clarified and formally established. She is concerned that the Town is not being properly represented. She has told Leon about it.

Dr. T noted that he recommended all members for reappointment in June.

Brenda motioned, Barbara seconded that due to the devastation of the trees from the December 2009 Ice Storm, the area could be considered for playing fields. Unanimous.

Date of next meeting was set for 7:00 Monday, June 15, 2009 at the Animal Medical Center.

Brenda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50, seconded by Vin. Unanimous.