

Town of West Boylston
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Animal Medical Center, Conference Room
29 Prospect Street
West Boylston, MA 01583

Minutes: Monday, 14 June 2010

Committee Members Present: Dr. Robert Tashjian (Chair), Jim Edmundson, Vincent Vignaly, Steve Woodcock and Barbara Wyatt.

Committee Members Absent: Ray DeSanti.

Others Present: Diana Engelbart.

Call to Order and Opening Comments: Dr. Tashjian called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Review and Approval of 13 April 2010 & 05 May 2010 Minutes: In separate actions, Barbara Wyatt moved to accept the April/May minutes (April and May minutes seconded by Mr. Woodcock; unanimous approval of April and May minutes).

Annual Report of the OSIC: The FY 09 (01 July 2008 – 30 June 2009) annual report was submitted by Jim Edmundson to Town Administrator's office, Nancy Lucier, on 14 April 2010.

Friends of Malden Brook Farm (MBF): A goal of the OS&R Plan is to preserve significant open space in West Boylston along the Prospect Street corridor, Dr. Tashjian updated the committee on the MBF's progress in working with DCR and MDAR to protect significant acreage of the MBF. In addition to these /efforts/negotiations, he described the formation of a grass roots group "Friends of Malden Brook Farm" composed of volunteers. Diana Engelbart informed the committee that "Friends" have begun to help out with taking care of the horses, long-term planning, record keeping, and fund raising. Discussion of the long-term plan followed.

Mission & Objectives for the Coming Year: Committee agreed that a priority issue for the OSIC was to ensure the purchase of the Kent property (Lee St.) by the Water District/Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) for watershed/water supply protection. Edmundson suggested the OSIC write a letter to the Banner about the merits of purchasing the Kent Property. Mr. Vignaly suggested that the focus of the next year should be on implementation of some of the Action Items as stated in the revised OS&R Plan and the committee agreed to review them and try to prioritize them.

Kent Property Purchase Update: Mr. Vignaly stated that the property owners were supportive of a transaction with the town (Water District/GWLT). He stated that the Water District has a portion of the funds in place for the purchase, but that an additional \$80k is needed. Vinny went on to say that the remaining funds are potentially available through the CPA; (at this point in time \$85k are available for expenditure on open space). Vinny informed the committee that application for use of CPA funds has been submitted. However, he reiterated that any purchase (use of CPA funds) is subject to voter's approval at town meeting.

Old Business: None.

Other New Business: None.

Next Meeting: 26 July 2010.

Prepared by Jim Edmundson 06 January 2011.

Approved on January 13, 2011.