

## **WEST BOYLSTON OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE (OSIC)**

October 27, 2011

Attendees: Vin Vignaly – Vice Chair, Diana Engelbart, Barbara Wyatt, Stephen Woodcock, Ray DeSanti

Absent: Dr. Robert Tashjian - Chair

Meeting called to order at 7:08 PM at the Animal Medical Center Conference Room at 29 Prospect Street.

Review and approval of minutes from 29<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Motion to approve-Diana, seconded-Ray, unanimous approval. Minutes for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011 still need to be approved.

The Town Wide Planning committee is reviewing the proposed OSIC changes to the Open Space Section of the Master Plan update and any suggestions will be forwarded to Diane.

Diana advised the OSIC that the solid waste advisory team will continue investigating/resolving the dog walking/feces problems at the Rail Trail. Also, local 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are involved in making public information signs that are to be posted around West Boylston.

Vin will speak to Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) regarding the Ebert property. He stated that the Planning Board had preliminary discussions with the owners of the property who are planning for the future and a gift to the town may benefit all parties.

Discussions on the 7.5 acre land on Prospect St were begun with the owners of the property (GWLT are in contact with the owners).

Diana discussed the keeping of backyard chickens with the Agriculture Committee and a poultry inspector (Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources). Diana is continuing to research more information on this topic to aid the Agriculture Committee.

### AOB

A change in venue for the next OSIC meeting was discussed. The new venue for the next meeting will be the Beaman Library, Story Book Room, 2nd floor and all agreed to the change.

Barbara questioned the disposition of a parcel of land (owned by Mr Linkowsky) to determine if it had been donated to the town. Barbara will follow up with the Town Clerk for current status.

Diana brought to the attention of the OSIC the specialty Massachusetts agriculture license plate. A portion of the license plate fee will go towards the state agriculture/open space fund which supports programs and services that help farmers remain on the cutting edge in today's market.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday December 08<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7:00 PM - Beaman Library, Story Book Room, 2nd floor.

Barbara motioned to adjourn at 8:00 PM, seconded by Ray, unanimous approval.

Minutes approved on December 8, 2011; Stephen Woodcock, Clerk.