

West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee  
Municipal Offices, 127 Hartwell St., Suite 100  
West Boylston MA 01583  
Meeting Minutes October 9, 2012

Members Present: Vin Vignaly, Diana Engelbart, Barbara Wyatt  
Absent: Ray DeSanti

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

**On a motion by Diana Engelbart and a second by Barbara Wyatt there was a unanimous vote to accept the minutes for August 23, 2012, as amended.**

Discussion of the current Open Space section of the Master Plan was deferred.

Fiscal Year 2013 Open Space Implementation Committee Priorities

1. Improve non-motorized transportation routes.
  - Support efforts to improve existing sidewalks and expand sidewalks with priority given to areas within a mile of the schools, leading to playgrounds, and along Route 12.
  - Advocate for inclusion of sidewalks/trails and bikeways in all roadway improvement projects proposed in Town.
2. Expand the Rail Trail system
  - Support efforts to extend the trail along Route 140 south to Pleasant Street and into Sterling, including investigating options to improve access across the Beaman Street bridge over the Stillwater River.
  - Encourage creation and increase support in establishing a “Visitor Center” space along the Rail Trail/DCR property to promote West Boylston sites and businesses.
  - Encourage development of a plan to repurpose River Road into a recreation area connected to the Rail Trail which could provide a loop for hiking, cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, and biking; with access to fishing and nature observation.
3. Maintain a list of privately-owned lands of interest for future acquisition or other open space protection mechanisms including Chapter 61 Program benefits.
4. Support and encourage establishing and operating a Farmers Market.
5. Create and post downloadable maps of walking, cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, and bicycling pathways. These could be printed and made available at local venues such as the library, Visitor Center, Town Offices, and Rail Trail kiosks.

**On a motion by Diane Engelbart and a second by Barbara Wyatt, unanimous vote to accept these five priorities.**

Decision to pass over discussion of the Open Space Master Plan until the next meeting.

Reminder that we need new members for the committee.

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:07. Next meeting is Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wyatt, Clerk