

West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee  
West Boylston Town Hall, 127 Hartwell St.  
April 1, 2013 Meeting Notes

OSIC Attendees: *Vin Vignaly, Barbara Wyatt, Ray DeSanti*  
Absent: *John Hadley*

The meeting was called to order at 7:10p.m.

**On a motion by Barbara, seconded by Ray, minutes of January 24, 2013 meeting were approved 3-0.**

Vin reported that he had submitted the Annual Report for the Open Space Committee.

Vin reviewed the 1/24/13 draft of the Open Space and Recreation section for the master plan. Since there were no changes, he will send it in an email attachment to the Town-wide Planning Committee. It was also noted that the OSIC's seat previously held by Dr. Tashjian is vacant and the committee felt representation was needed. Vin will notify Leon that the OSIC requests that Ray DeSanti be appointed to represent Open Space on the Town-wide Planning Committee.

Vin updated on acquisitions for Open Space.

- 1) Brossi, 264 Prospect St. - Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) had made contact months ago, but nothing new is known.
- 2) Tashjian, 152 Prospect St. Carroll's Pond - discussions with GWLT are ongoing, with the possibility of a Loop Trail around the pond. Vin noted concern with the dam at the pond needing maintenance and though the cost of the property is minimal, due to the bankruptcy status and the Watershed Preservation Restrictions, there could be significant costs to repair and maintain the water controls and dam.
- 3) Milton, 81 Laurel Street - No contact has been made for preliminary discussions to permanently protect this 14 acre parcel that abuts the Rail Trail.
- 4) Tashjian, 405 Prospect Street - GWLT has spoken with the bankruptcy attorney and they have not put it on the market, but would entertain all offers. The property is 40 acres, with all but a 10 acre portion having frontage on Hillside Drive being under a Watershed Preservation Restriction with the DCR.
- 5) Mitchell, 60 Shrewsbury Street - GWLT has been contacted by the owners who are considering gifting the property. Ray was very familiar with this area and enthusiastically supported the acquisition.

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:05PM. Next meeting was scheduled for June 10, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wyatt