

Meeting Minutes – August 19, 2014  
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)  
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

OSIC: Debi Mattison, Ray DeSanti, Gary Flynn, John Hadley, Barbara Wyatt, Vin Vignaly  
Absent: Brenda Bowman  
Others Present: Mike Peckar

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mattison at 7:03 pm.

On a motion by Ray and a second from Gary, the minutes of the 7/21/14 meeting were approved as submitted, with all in favor and Barbara abstained because she was not there.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:

The three consultant proposals that have been received were reviewed and discussed. They each noted that they could complete the task with varying levels of public hearings and staff meetings. They all appeared acceptable to the Committee and had proposed budgets as follows:

1. Beals and Thomas: \$ 49,500.00
2. Central Mass Region Planning Commission - \$ 14,550.00
3. Vanasse Hangen, Brustlin, Inc. - \$ 24,000.00

John said he will check Pat Crowley to see if Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds can be used to complete this work. The Deb will contact Mr. Gaumond to inquire of other funding sources and request that the Selectmen hire one of these vendors to complete the plan update. This committee would work closely with whomever is selected.

405 Prospect St. at Westland Circle, Chapter 61A Right of First Refusal by the Town:

A general discussion of the meeting with the Selectmen resulted in a request to contact the Selectmen and ask for their reasoning behind acting in opposition to four town boards/committees recommendation. Their decision would be to move forward with presenting a Town Meeting Article to acquire the 11.4 acre property for \$ 167,000.00, which could be funded through the CPA accounts that had that much money available.

Pesticide applications on town properties:

The committee was pleased to receive Leon's recent blog announcing when and where pesticides were to be applied. Gary mentioned that discussions have occurred with TruGreen and the Parks Committee, but a formal protocol has not been received, and the committee agreed that a broad notification (including coaches and adequate postings for the public) was needed and should be the responsibility of the licensed applicator. Gary will follow up with Anthony Sylvia to try to complete this process soon.

Potential Acquisitions:

263 Maple Street: Vinny and Mike Peckar, the WB rep on the Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT), described the progress of the division and interests of the DCR and GWLT at the site.

Next meeting was noted to be on September 23, 2014 at 7 p.m. Upon a motion by John, and second by Barbara, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly, Clerk