

Meeting Minutes – December 2, 2014
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mattison at 6:15 pm.

On a motion by John and a second from Gary, the minutes of the 9/23/14 meeting were approved as submitted, with all in favor.

Pesticide applications on town properties:

The committee has not received even a draft protocol of when and where pesticides are to be applied on town fields. Gary mentioned that Anthony Sylvia, the DPW Director, is putting the contract for pesticide application out to bid, and that he expects the notification protocol will be part of that contract. Gary will follow up with Anthony to complete this process soon.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:

Three consultant proposals were received and reviewed at our last meeting to do the OSRP Update. The committee preferred the proposal from CMRPC due to their experience in town and the low cost. John checked with Pat Crowley who said Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds can be used to complete this work. Vin will give the old completed CPC application forms he used for the Kent acquisition on Lee Street to Debi to use as a guide. Debi will have a draft ready for the next meeting to then be submitted to the Community Preservation Committee.

Goodale Park Master Plan Comments:

The Parks Facilities Committee is meeting at 7:00 tonight to hear comments for issues and concerns that their consultant's will incorporate into the development of the concept plans for the Goodale Park area. The issues noted to be presented to the Parks Facilities Committee are:

1. Build in a "space of honor".
2. Include walking trails/passive recreation opportunities with benches at regular intervals.
3. Provide adequate parking, with additional ADA accessible parking near all venues.
4. Utilize the Summer House and surrounds to encourage family functions and town functions.
5. Consider and evaluate benefits/costs of inclusion of popular items noted in the Fall 2013 Open Space and Recreation Survey such as spray park, swimming pool, dog park, skating rink.
6. Coordinate concept development with recently funded sidewalk improvement plans.
7. Provide shade trees in parking areas and along walking trails.
8. Provide evergreens to improve screening and delineate sensitive buffer areas.
9. Improve function of concert venue for performers and visitors.

Potential Acquisitions:

263 Maple Street: Vinny noted that the Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) has contacted the realtor, Sue Meola, who has gotten a response from the owner that she is interested in proceeding with a sale. A survey will be completed to cut out two house lots on Maple Street, and the remaining back land. The DCR is working to purchase the larger northern portion and the owner is considering gifting the southern portion to the Town.

Next meeting was noted to be on January 6, 2015 at 7 p.m. Upon a motion by Gary, and seconded by Vin, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly, Clerk