

Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2014  
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)  
Town Hall, 127 Hartwell St., West Boylston, MA

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

Others Present: Mr. and Mrs. Joanie Dubeau, Dave Femia, and Scott Goddard

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 7:18 pm who apologized for being late.

On a motion by John Hadley, and a second by Debi Mattison, it was unanimously voted that the minutes of OSIC meetings on 4/10/14 and 6/9/14 be approved as submitted.

405 Prospect St. at Westland Circle removal from Chapter 61A and Right of First Refusal by the Town. After General Discussion, fair market value was \$167,000, and the town has 120 days to decide. The town is reviewing and investigating the acquisition. John Hadley mentioned that the Conservation Commission and Planning Board are recommending acquisition by the Town. The Land Trust could facilitate and assist on the purchase. Concerns from the neighbors present relative to access to the property and alternative means of access were discussed. OSIC set their next meeting to coincide with the Housing Trust meeting to discuss potential uses for the property should the Selectmen vote to proceed with the Town considering to acquire the property.

On a motion by John Hadley, and a second by Gary Flynn, it was unanimously voted to recommend to the Selectmen that they proceed further investigate the purchase of the property. John Hadley and Deb Mattison said they would be at the Selectmen's Meeting on 7/23/14 to make this action known.

Update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan by consultants to the OSIC occurred. Vin has contacted about 5 potential consultants with experience preparing these plans. A quote from the Central Mass Region Planning Commission in Worcester is expected. The others are not guaranteed. Anticipation of quotes from three (3) vendors is expected sometime in the beginning of August.

Pesticide applications on town properties. After general discussion of recent experiences and meetings by Gary and Vin it was decided that the OSIC will send an email to Anthony Sylvia, DPW Director. The email will request a copy of the notification protocol that is followed prior to application of any pesticides and fertilizers on Town-owned properties. Prior experiences where a single yellow flag is in place for all of Mixter, or where summer programs are occurring on fields that were treated hours before led to questions and requests to establish a clear policy and protocol. Gary informed members that TruGreen has been requested to work with the new Athletic Director at the schools to determine where the responsibility lies for notification to all townspeople. John suggested a notification could be made on the new town sign board that will be installed on the town common and Deb suggested a notification on the public access channel.

Potential purchase of the 263 Maple Street property. The owner is currently in New Brunswick, Canada and is interested in conveying the property to the town. At the request of the OSIC, the Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) and DCR have had contact with the owner. DCR would acquire the undeveloped portion within the Wachusett Reservoir watershed, and the Town, with assistance from GWLT, will work to acquire the remaining undeveloped portion of the property. It is anticipated that the DCR process of appraisals will take approximately six (6) months to complete the, etc.

Election of committee positions occurred. On a motion by John Hadley, and a second by Ray DeSanti, the following slate was unanimously voted:

Chair: Deb Mattison

Vice-Chair: John Hadley

Clerk: Vin Vignaly

Town-Wide Planning Committee Representative: Ray DeSanti

Upon a motion by John Hadley, and a second by Ray DeSanti, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:45 pm.

Next meeting was noted to be on August 12, 2014 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Mattison