

Meeting Minutes – September 23, 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 7:00 pm.

On a motion by John and a second from Ray, the minutes of the 8/19/14 meeting were approved as submitted, with all in favor.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:

The consultant proposal from Central Mass Region Planning Commission for \$14,550.00 was discussed and John said he spoke with Pat Crowley who said that Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds can be used to complete this work. John will contact Mr. Gaumond to inquire of the process to get this on the October Town Meeting warrant.

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

There has been no response to OSIC's request for the reasons why the Selectboard voted in opposition to four town boards/committees recommendations. The lack of response was discussed to indicate a serious doubt in the usefulness of being on local town boards. There was no surprise why so many volunteer board positions remain open. The OSIC asked Vin to speak with the Affordable Housing Trust and the Planning Board to ask if they would submit similar inquiries to the Selectboard. The AHT was meeting; Vin attended and was told that their Chair would speak directly to Leon.

Pesticide applications on town properties:

Gary mentioned that further discussions have occurred with TruGreen, Mr. Sylvia, and the Parks Committee, but a formal protocol has not been established. No problems have been noted this summer. Gary will follow up with Mr. Sylvia to try to complete this process before winter. Deb offered to speak with Mr. Bartkus to ask to complete the protocol and circulate it to the stakeholders.

Potential Acquisitions:

263 Maple Street: Mike Peckar, the WB rep on the Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT), noted that there has been no progress GWLT to contact the realtor or owner.

Next meeting was noted to be on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7 p.m. Upon a motion by Barbara, and second by John, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly, Clerk