

Meeting Minutes – June 29, 2015
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

Members Present: Brenda Bowman, Gary Flynn, John Hadley (at 7:40), Barbara Wyatt, Vin Vignaly
Members Absent: Mike Peckar, Ray DeSanti

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Vignaly at 7:04 pm. On a motion by Barbara and a second from Brenda, the minutes of the 4/23/15 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Pesticide Use on Town Fields:

Gary updated the Committee that the new contract for pesticide application is out and once accepted, the new contractor will detail the pesticides to be used and the notification process they will implement and submit a copy to the Committee. There was an issue with baseball scheduling because of a clerical mistake earlier this year.

Goodale Park Master Plan Comments:

The Parks Facilities Committee is waiting for soil test results before scheduling their next meeting. Gary noted that this committee will be notified when it is scheduled.

Rail Trail Visitor Concerns Over Firing Range:

Brenda related information that people have heard shots through the leaves near them on both the Rail Trail as well as on River Road that have been reported to Wachusett Greenways. Brenda noted that there is a group opposed to the range, who fear ‘grandfathering’ of the illegal use after Mr. Almstrom retires. She and Vinny, following airing of the Planning Board’s meeting discussing this issue, have had conversations with people who said that they no longer use the trail because of the constant and loud shooting. People do not feel safe in that area nor is it a peaceful environment. John told the committee that Mr. Almstrom has been invited to a meeting of the Selectboard to discuss these issues, though he did not know the date. Members explained that the operation years ago was acceptable, but that it has expanded significantly in the last year or so to become a nuisance.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:

There has been no response to the email sent by this Committee. John said that the Selectboard has not acted on this. John asked that a new request be made to the Selectboard for the Fall Town meeting. Vinny noted that the bids are almost a year old and may need to be updated, but there is no change in the request, so once the bids are verified, they could resubmit the information previously provided.

263 Maple Street Acquisition:

Vin reported that the Planning Board signed a plan for the division of the property. The DCR is expected to proceed with the acquisition of their portion and Greater Worcester Land Trust will update this Committee if anything further is needed.

Next meeting was suggested as Monday, September 14, 2015 at 6 pm. Upon a motion by Brenda, and seconded by John, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly, Clerk