

Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2015  
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)  
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

Members Present: Brenda Bowman, Gary Flynn, John Hadley, Barbara Wyatt, Vin Vignaly

Members Absent: Mike Peckar, Ray DeSanti

Others Present: Mike Kittredge, DPW

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Vignaly at 6:05 pm. On a motion by Barbara and a second from John, the minutes of the 6/29/15 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

**Pesticide Use on Town Fields:**

Vinny noted that there was no notice of the pesticide application on Mixer Field a week ago. Last spring after more than a year of requests, Leon made notice of the applications by TruGreen through his blog. Since Leon has left we have not seen any notifications. Gary updated the Committee with the MSDS list of pesticides used by TruGreen and the cost proposals for fall aeration being considered. Mike Kittredge, Acting DPW Director, explained the operations and suggested having training of one of the DPW workers to become licensed to apply pesticides. This would reduce the costs and provide the town with more control over what is used, how much is used, and provide greater flexibility for optimal application timing, not just whenever the contractor was already scheduled. The committee supported this idea and Vinny will send an email to the Selectmen supporting this request. Mike also said he would investigate “Organic” management or close to it. But that will take some time.

**Sidewalk Improvements:**

The state funding for sidewalks is still available to the town and Mike Kittredge said that the engineers are preparing the necessary plans for construction to occur in the spring. He has been told that there will be public meetings to explain the work being proposed before construction begins.

**Goodale Park Master Plan Comments:**

Gary reported that the Parks Facilities Committee held an open meeting to explain the project. They are still waiting for soil test results to finalize the plan. Vinny said that he is interested to hear how the layout might change due to the shallow ledge encountered or will the plan not change and the costs just be increased. Gary said that this committee will be notified when things progress.

**Open Space Acquisition List Update:**

Brenda reviewed the list of properties from the 2009 OS&RP, then asked for suggestions from members. A new listing will be created for review at the next meeting of all suggested sites. Brenda will post a request for suggestions on the Town Facebook page and will ask Karen Pare for something similar on the Town’s Website.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:**

Vinny provided the new proposal from CMRPC at \$14,600.00. John reported that the Selectboard has included this article on the October Town Meeting Warrant!! We should prepare a brief PowerPoint.

**263 Maple Street Acquisition:**

Vin read an update from Jim French at DCR noting that they have agreed on a price and are working on the purchase and sale wording. He was not aware of the status of the portion gifted to the Town.

Next meeting was suggested as Thursday, November 5, 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