

Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2015  
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)  
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

Members Present: Brenda Bowman, Ray DeSanti, Gary Flynn, Barbara Wyatt, Vin Vignaly

Members Absent: Mike Peckar, John Hadley

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Vignaly at 6:05 pm. On a motion by Barbara and a second from Brenda, the minutes of the 9/24/15 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

**Pesticide Use on Town Fields:**

Vinny noted that he had not written the email support for having town personnel receive training to be licensed to apply pesticides as needed. It would reduce the costs, provide more control over products used, how much is used, and provide greater flexibility for optimal application timing and changes due to weather changes. Since Leon has left, members have not seen any notifications. The committee supported this idea and Vinny will send an email to the Selectmen.

**Goodale Park Master Plan Comments:**

Gary reported that the Parks Facilities Committee is expecting soil test results this week to finalize the plan. Gary was not sure if the layout might change due to the shallow ledge encountered. They are also investigating water supply well installation to save irrigation costs for the fields.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:**

The Town Meeting approved spending \$15,000.00 to update the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The contract with CMRPC for \$14,600.00 has been executed by Jim Purcell. Trish Settles of CMRPC proposed a schedule to compile information before and during the Holidays, then have a kickoff meeting in January to get the project moving. Vin to email contract to Parks Commission.

**263 Maple Street Acquisition:**

Vin read an update from Mike Peckar asking that OSIC send an email to Community Preservation Committee to request them to reimburse Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) from their administration account. There was a question about having receipts and if all the 'due diligence' requirements have been completed. It was commented that the Conservation Commission (ConCom) may not be comfortable completing this. Vin will send this email once a response is received from Mike Peckar/GWLT. GWLT also noted that a vote of the Conservation Commission and the Selectboard are needed to accept the land donation. OSIC supported sending an email, but needed to have clear reference information and a plan to include with the request. Vin offered to meet with these boards if needed to explain the situation.

**Open Space Acquisition List Update:**

Brenda reviewed the updated list of properties and got suggestions from members, but no suggestions were received from Facebook. Vin will draft a new list for the next meeting.

**Sidewalk Improvements:**

Vin checked with Nancy Lucier who said the project is proceeding. The engineers are preparing the necessary plans for construction to occur in the spring. Proposed locations and timing is still not known, but the public meetings to explain the work may not be happening before construction begins.

Next meeting was suggested as Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 6 pm. Upon a motion by Gary, and seconded by Ray, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly, Clerk