

Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2015
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mattison at 7:00 pm.

On a motion by John and a second from Gary, the minutes of the 12/2/14 meeting were approved as amended, with all in favor.

Pesticide applications on town properties:

The committee has not received even a draft protocol of when and where pesticides are to be applied on town fields. Gary noted that Anthony Sylvia, the DPW Director, is still putting the contract for pesticide application together. TruGreen will be used until the end of June, so John Hadley will ask that the DPW Director provide the protocol for the remainder of this year and the draft that will be included in the bid documents.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:

The committee reviewed the application Debi put together for the Community Preservation Committee to review. Debi will sign and submit the application to use Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds to complete the Open Space and Recreation Plan update.

Goodale Park Master Plan Comments:

The Parks Facilities Committee has been meeting with their consultant BETA Engineering to review alternatives for the park. Vin noted he has heard they have not invited any representatives other than sports-related committees/members. There is a need to have a broad review in preparation for Town Meeting action. Gary noted that there will be public hearings, but these are the initial design-stage meetings. John has been at these meetings and said they are trying to evaluate all options, knowing that the area cannot include all, even if the \$5 million State funding is received. The consultant has been asked to prepare phased construction options to deal with financial constraints. The OSIC also asked Debi to email the Parks Facilities Committee to pull together information that will help our consultant prepare the update to the OS&R plan. This is not to question anything about how or what has been done, but to be used so that our consultant, CMRPC if Town Meeting so votes, can use and include this information when compiling the OS&R Plan update:

1. Description/narrative of their fact-finding methods and public outreach for input and comments.
2. Current needs evaluation for field space and suggestions for field utilization and field management improvements
3. Narrative of decisions associated with the need/feasibility for inclusion of a pool or water park feature at Goodale Park.
4. Proposed sizings of fields/facilities and justification for such where we have accommodated smaller facilities in the past and want to enlarge.
5. Where they have incorporated passive recreation and maintained a shaded pathway system for elders/handicapped residents.
6. Improvements made for ADA and elders/handicapped spectators and visitors at each venue.
7. Provide the justification and background if available which notes how the final proposal meets the stated interests in the existing 2009 OSRP and 2013 Open Space Survey results.

Potential Acquisitions:

263 Maple Street: Mike Peckar noted that the DCR is proceeding with an appraisal of the property and was asked to compile an estimate for survey and land service costs that may be requested from the CPC as part of the acquisition costs. John will confer with Pat Crowley to determine if the CPC is willing to use their administrative funds to complete this work before proceeding with a proposal to Town Meeting for acquisition.

Next meeting was noted to be on February 24, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Upon a motion by Ray, and seconded by John, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly, Clerk