

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

Members: Debi Mattison, Brenda Bowman (CPC meeting), Gary Flynn, Barbara Wyatt, Vin Vignaly
Absent: John Hadley, Ray DeSanti

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mattison at 7:00 pm. On a motion by Barbara and a second from Gary, the minutes of the 1/15/15 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Pesticide applications on town properties:

After more than a year of requests, the committee has not received even a draft protocol of the notification process for when and where pesticides are to be applied on town fields. John Hadley was going to speak to Anthony Sylvia, the DPW Director, after the last meeting, but we have not heard anything more. Gary reiterated the info from last month, that DPW is putting the contract for pesticide application together, but that TruGreen will be used until the end of June. The Parks Committee has discussed this and was told of some notifications, but a written protocol has not been provided. Gary will again ask the DPW Director to provide the protocol for the remainder of this year and the draft wording that will be included in the bid documents.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:

Debi mailed the Community Preservation Committee application, for use of \$15,000.00 to hire CMRPC to update the OS&R Plan, to the Town Clerk as required after our last meeting but received no response. Brenda notified the OSIC that at tonight's CPC meeting she found out that they had no record of the submittal. Vinny left the OSIC meeting, made 5 copies of the OSIC copy, and presented it to the CPC at their meeting upstairs. The CPC were receptive and will add discussion of this to their 3/10/15 public hearing meeting. Pat Halpin suggested having the Parks Commission formally vote to support use of the funds for this project. Gary will notify Debi of the next Parks Commission meeting.

Goodale Park Master Plan Comments:

The Parks Facilities Committee requested that representatives of the OSIC attend their 3/16/15 meeting to discuss the coordination of efforts by their consultant BETA Engineering to provide documentation of their process and results so that they can be used by the OSIC's consultant who will be preparing the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update. The OSIC is not questioning their process. We just do not want to have the town pay twice for the same fact-finding, evaluations, and assessments. Debi previously emailed the Parks Facilities Committee the list which we will bring to the meeting to focus the discussion of common information need when compiling the OS&R Plan update. It also was unclear what the roles and processes will be for the facilities/options selections and siting by the PFC, Parks Commission, Selectboard, and Planning Board.

263 Maple Street Acquisition: Awaiting results of the DCR appraisal of the property and plan preparation. Discussion of a right of way to the Town property was noted to be added to the plans.

Next meeting was suggested as March 18, 2015 at 7 p.m. to report on meetings with the CPC and PFC. Upon a motion by Barbara, and seconded by Gary, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly, Clerk