

Meeting Minutes – March 23, 2015
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

Members: Brenda Bowman, Ray DeSanti, John Hadley, Barbara Wyatt, Vin Vignaly

Absent: Gary Flynn

Others: Mike Peckar

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Vignaly at 7:00 pm. On a motion by John and a second from Barbara, the minutes of the 2/24/15 and 3/16/15 meetings were unanimously approved as written.

The committee accepted the resignation of Deb Mattison, for personal reasons. We wish her well.

Goodale Park Master Plan Comments:

As noted in the 3/16/15 notes, the Parks Facilities Committee voted 5 to 4 to postpone the roundtable discussion with Town agents because they did not feel that the plan was ready.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update:

Since the Community Preservation Committee did not believe that the state funds could be used for this effort, Vin emailed a request and backup documentation to the Selectmen to include appropriation of \$15,000.00 to hire CMRPC to update the OS&R Plan. Ray questioned how the Goodale Park Master Plan project could be funded, but not an update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Brenda suggested contacting Jen Breen to provide input and support at Town Meeting. John will follow up with Leon to confirm that the Selectboard has all information that is needed.

Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report:

Vin presented a draft of the annual report from the OSIC. Barbara suggested adding in the current DCR PILOT payment amount and John suggested comparing it to the highest taxpayer in town. Mike thought that in the future a couple of sentences should be added about Wachusett Greenways and the Rail Trail. Vin will make the changes. The Committee voted to submit the report to Nancy Lucier.

263 Maple Street Acquisition: Mike noted that he expects the DCR appraisal will be complete in April. The DCR process will take about a year, so GWLT is involved and willing to acquire the properties and hold them until the DCR and Town processes of acquisition are completed. The GWLT would like to have the town pay for the \$ 2,500.00 survey plan preparation. Vin asked John to contact the CPC and ask them to use their administrative account to pay this amount. John will report at the next meeting. There were concerns noted that one of the two remaining lots on Maple Street may not have adequate frontage to meet zoning, but Mike said the surveyor, Andrew Liston, did not feel it was an issue. Mike will be meeting with the Building Inspector to clarify the issue.

Next meeting was suggested as Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6 pm (before the Parks Facilities Committee meeting).

Upon a motion by Barbara, and seconded by John, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly, Clerk