



**Town Of Medway  
Open Space Committee**  
155 Village Street  
Medway, Massachusetts 02053

**Meeting Minutes on June 6, 2017**

**Medway Senior Center  
Oakland Circle**

<b>Attendance</b>	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present		X		X	X		X

**Trail Around Meadow:**

The members discussed that farmers are looking to grow hay within the meadow.

The email from Adam Jackson was referenced.

Open Space Committee is in support of growing hay, but not in this location. All are in agreement that this remain a natural meadow. Having a hay field is a major direction change from the efforts of the Open Space Committee and the Conservation Commission. The purpose was to keep this area in a natural state. The Conway School report was done with this being a meadow. This is a unique spot. There is nothing else that exists like this in town. It is a great habitat.

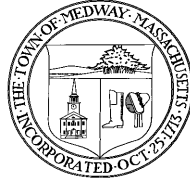
The Committee would like this placed on the next agenda so that the rest of the members are able to discuss it as well.

**New Trail Status:**

The Committee was made aware that the trail task force has been in front of the conservation commission to discuss the boardwalk. The request for determination of applicability for the footbridges has been submitted. The conservation commission is reviewing the draft order of conditions and the hearing is expected to close on Thursday. The construction of the boardwalk will begin September 2017.

**Update on the Riverview Property:**

There has not been a meeting date set up with the condo association about the dumping on site. Member Williams will be following up on this. It was communicated that the conservation agent is in support of developing the low level area. The ownership of an abutting triangle of land and/or possible space for parking must be confirmed.



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**Trail Markings Behind High School:**

The trail markings behind the high school have been completed. Member Legee and Williams will complete the markings from the high school to Rt. 126.

**To-Do-List for the Trail Club:**

There was further discussion about creating guidelines for jobs that volunteers can do to help maintain open spaces, without requiring further approval, for example, how wide trails should be cut back during trimming, how much/what types of vegetation (such as invasives) should or may be removed. Member Williams volunteered to put together guidelines. (Member Wickis will provide current list).

**Update on Signs/Kiosks:**

There is no update on the signs/kiosks.

**Acceptance of Minutes from May 2, 2017:**

**On a motion made by Jim Wickis and seconded by Charlie Ross, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from May 2, 2017 with noted revisions.**

**Other Items:**

Trail Run this past weekend sponsored by Trail Club and MYB (Medway Youth Baseball) was a success.

There was a recommendation by member Hamblin to plan an event/series of events to provide education and an introduction to the public about our growing open spaces.

Member Hamblin also suggested to use cable access to showcase the various trails throughout town. It was recommended that Mary Becotte the communication director be contacted.

Some of the story boxes are being incorrectly used to display advertisements. Member Williams will follow-up with Susy about this.

The Committee discussed the next meeting date as it falls on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The secretary will email the Chairman and see if the meeting should be rescheduled or cancelled.

Next Agenda:

- Hay field proposal



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**Future Meeting:**

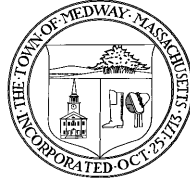
- This will be determined.

**Adjourned:**

**On a motion made by Bruce Hamblin, and seconded by Joanne Williams, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Recording Secretary  
Approved September 5, 2017



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