

## Committee Members

Tina Wright, Chair  
Denise Legee, Vice Chair  
Charlie Ross, Clerk  
Mike Francis, Member  
Bruce Hamblin, Member  
Jim Wickis, Member  
Joanne Williams, Member



# TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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Topic: Open Space Committee  
Time: June 2, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
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**Medway Open Space Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm**  
**Medway Senior Center**  
**76 Oakland Street**  
**Medway, MA 02053**

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X arrived 7:50pm	X	X	X	X	X	

***Denise Legee called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.***

- Land Management Update**

Denise stated she and Tina met with Steve Carew and Peter Pelletier from DPW, Bridget from the Conservation Commission, Susy from the Planning and Economic Development Board, and Julie Harrington from the Parks Department last week. Denise sent them the excel spreadsheet with all the tasks they would like DPW to do, specifically at the Amphitheater but also it included the other Open Space properties. The next meeting is scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup>. Denise may not be able to attend and Jim will attend if she cannot.

- Boardwalk Management Plan**

Charlie stated he sent out the plan to everyone for review. He stated he added culverts and bridges to it. He walked the area in May and again in June with Jim then he put the last Millstone trails on it. A few Millstone residents contacted him and asked him to remove the stonedust trail around the gazebo. This trail is not part of what has been opened for public access. He removed that trail and sent it out to everyone. The committee decided they will review it and go over it more in depth at the August meeting.

Charlie stated he published the updated version of the Adams-to-Lovering trail map on the town website and Facebook on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. and over 2000 people have seen it. There was a comment on the Medway Open Space page today by someone concerned about the mowing in the meadow on Lovering Street but it is on private property. Denise stated Millstone is planning on taking care of the loop trail, but someone hayed the field last year but nobody knows who it is. Denise thinks if the field is totally mowed then you can walk on it. How does the person know where to mow as the perimeter of the town property cuts across the field? Denise will try to get more information from Brian Clarke at Millstone about the perimeter trail mowing and how they know where to mow.

- **Millstone Update**

Denise stated all the signs are up. There is a sign at the first entrance to Millstone on Cobblestone Drive to the right with 5 spots stating parking for trails only. Then as you go in where the trail splits there are two signs that tell you which way you are going. Towards the boardwalk, there is another Open Space sign so a walker knows when they are leaving the Millstone property. Joanne stated it should say private property but access for walkers only on the back of the OS sign when coming the other way onto Millstone property. Denise wanted a Conservation sign as the last sign before the Lovering Street meadow but it just says Trail with 2 opposing arrows and is facing the wrong way. She will speak to the Brian Clarke, the facilities manager, about this.

- **Fire Chief Meeting / Joanne Williams**

Joanne met with Deputy Chief Fasolino and stated he doesn't have any plans for emergency rescues for the trails. He was not aware of how many trails and open spaces there are. They did do an exercise last year along the Charles River and located where they could access land if they needed to. They determined steps to be taken, first of which a town-wide map with the locations of all open space properties. This has also been requested by DPW, so Deputy Chief Fasolino will work with Fran Hutton and also interface with DPW to request the type of map that serves both Fire/Rescue and DPW.

Fran Hutton contacted Charlie about the trail maps as she thought he had trail routes for every trail in town. However, the only routes we have in electronic form are the network from Choate to the High School, on to Adams, and continuing to Lovering. Joanne said the Chief liked the idea of one consistent numbering system so no two bridges have the same number. He thought maybe other location markers might be necessary. Joanne stated he wants his staff to walk the trails and visit the Amphitheater and open spaces to get familiar with the properties then he will have organized drills. They might also be able to help with bringing out some of the lumber. The

Fire Department has access to dirt bikes from the Police Department to get out to give someone first aid but they would have to use stretchers to evacuate someone.

Denise asked if all the footbridges have to be so big and bulky. Joanne commented that it would be nice to keep consistent. Joanne spoke with Paul to get a final plan for the Millstone Bridge and it will be Sixteen feet. Charlie doesn't think it can be moved any further east. Joanne got the OK from Bridget if they have to change the footings slightly. She priced the lumber online and it came to just under \$1,000. This would be the maximum price, it might be less if they account for any useable lumber that she already brought out there. Denise stated there is about \$7,000 in the Open Space Funds. Charlie suggested Joanne contact Jim Wieler about the lumber. Joanne will get a price from Medway Lumber and then get a purchase order from Tina.

- **Iarussi Trail / Invasives**

Joanne spoke to Jim about the invasives and he thinks most of it is swallowwort. Joanne thinks we should talk to Bridget about whether we can use herbicide to get rid of it. Joanne stated there is an orange stake at the end of the parking lot. There is a lot of dumping towards the back of the property. Joanne contacted an engineer about the plot plan and they have some of it on file and she is waiting for an estimate. They would need to clear up to the little bridge and a few boards on the bridge need to be replaced. The gravel trail is still there but needs mowing in some places. The driveway and two parking spots need to be redefined.

- **Amphitheatre Update**

Mike did not have anything to report at this time.

- **Open Space Reorg 2021**

Tina stated we need to pick the following: Chair, Vice Chair, and Clerk. Tina will contact Bruce to see if he is getting all the emails. They will wait to vote until August to give Tina a chance to speak with Bruce.

### **Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

Charlie stated there were some spacing errors and a few typos that need to be corrected

***Charlie made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes with the spacing and typos amended as mentioned above. Denise seconded the motion, and all were in favor and they were voted to approve.***

- **Other items that may come before the committee**

Mike mentioned one method of marking a field is installing 4 by 4 posts with trail markers on them. After the area is mowed a few times the foot traffic will wear it down.

Tina will email Bridgett about spraying the bittersweet in the Adams Street meadow outside of the wetlands. If they don't hear anything back from her then they can move forward.

- **Adjourn**

*Charlie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Joanne seconded the motion and all were in favor.*

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Rozak