

Committee Members

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Charlie Ross, Clerk
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Tuesday, May 2, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Medway Senior Center
76 Oakland Street
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Attendance	Tina Wright	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Andrea Burke	Laura Connolly	Mike Francis	Tara Rice	Jim Wickis	
Present	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	

Denise called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Announcements and upcoming meetings (Denise)

• Conflict of Interest updates

Denise reminded the committee members to submit their Conflict of Interest forms to Allison Potter if they haven't done so already.

• Medway Pride Day (May 20)

Denise stated we usually have a booth there for Open Space and the Trail Club. Jim asked if anything ever comes out of talking with people at this event. Denise stated they promote the trails and people say they are going to go on the trails. Mike stated it is good for people who are new to town. Tina suggested sharing a table with the Medway Community Farm. Jim, Denise, Mike, Andrea and Tara are available to help man the table. Tina and Laura are not available. **Action Item: Tina will email Carol Bernstein to ask about sharing a booth.**

• Action Item Follow-Ups

• Salmon Willows Trail – Confirmed that it's already on the brochure map (Charlie)

• Ohnemus DPW discussions re: parking lot – meeting with Town Manager (Mike)

Mike stated he does not have an update at this time.

- **Easements for access on private property (Survey updates for Oakland and Adams Streets) (Tina)**

Tina stated she still has to meet with the people at Oakland Street. Denise stated she spoke to Charlotte Lee and she said we could do the surveying. Charlotte mentioned that she thinks the far back corner of her property belongs to her neighbor. The surveyors don't have to notify her when they will be there, they can just go and do it.

- **Follow-up meeting on trail maintenance with DPW (Tina – meeting scheduled in May)**

- **Water trail (Andrea, Tina – waiting for possible dates from Conservation Agent)**

Andrea stated they were looking at town land for accessible parking or launching of canoes. Andrea found that Cynthia Drive is actually called Cynthia Circle. Andrea stated property # 72-047 is a vacant town owned property. There is an accessible path from the Canoe Launch. Bridget Graziano, Medway Conservation Agent has a survey that she will send to Andrea. There is a steep area below Neelon Lane and adjacent to Massapoag that could have a picnic area below it. There is a launch at Salmon Willows but there are a lot of weeds in the river. Andrea stated there is town owned land off of Shaw Street that they will have to look for. There is also town owned land off of Water View Drive that is on the Charles River. There is a piece of town land upriver of Ohnemus. There is a dam there and we will have to see if it's possible to go around it.

Action Items: At some point, Tina will try to kayak upriver to see how far she can go. Andrea will get the survey from Bridget.

- **Follow-up on expiring 2023 funding (Denise)**

Denise stated she spoke to Glen Trindade, Select Board Member. Glen told her part of the funding can be used on the shed. **Action Item: Denise will speak to MaryJane White about the purchasing process.**

- **Volunteer form follow-up with Assistant Town Administrator (Denise)**

Denise stated she made the requested changes to the form from the last meeting and Liz Langley and Allison Potter made it into a fillable online form. The form was posted on the Select Board page, the DPW page and the Open Space page. Denise will ask Becky Atwood to fill out the form for the sculpture that she wants to do.

- **Site walk report – former Hoag property**

Tina stated four of the committee members went for a site walk through the 15 acres. It is a really beautiful area. They are hoping to get some land from Timber Crest when they are finished with their construction. Jim asked Mike how the Upper Charles Land trust

handles maintenance because there is a nice grassy area around the pond that will become overgrown if not mowed regularly. Mike stated he will keep that in mind.

- **Letter of appreciation to Susy Affleck-Childs**

Tina suggested sending Susy a thank you card for all of her service. The committee members agreed, and Tina will get the card and the committee members can sign it at the next meeting. **Action Item: Tina will get a card and bring it to the next meeting.**

- **Approval of Minutes: • March 7, 2023**

Tina made a motion to approve the March 7, 2023, Meeting Minutes as amended. Jim seconded the motion and all the members stated aye they were in favor and the meeting minutes were approved.

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

Mike mentioned that the Town meeting is next week.

- **Adjourn**

Denise made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. Laura seconded the motion and all the members stated aye they were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tracy Rozak