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Tuesday, June 15, 2021 7:00 pm
Medway Senior Center

Attendance	Tina Wright	Jim Wickis	Denise Legee	Charlie Ross	Joanne Williams	Mike Francis	Bruce Hamblin
Present	X	X	X	X	Arrived 7:09		

Call to Order

Tina opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

• Brochure Update

Charlie stated he will be working with Fran on the brochure. Denise will talk to Sandy Johnson about the brochure. Charlie believes it best if Denise and Sandy have an idea for how it will be laid out before work starts on the map. It could be similar to the earlier version, or different.

• Maintenance of trail from Senior Center to Rail Bed (Tina for status of follow-up)

Tina stated she sent a second email to Glenn Trindade but has not heard back with him yet. Tina will follow up with a phone call to Glenn. Charlie also offered to help.

• Medway Master Plan Task Force update (Denise)

Denise stated the last meeting about this was the public forum. She sent out the link to the meeting but she could not hear it very well. There were about 102 people on the call and they asked people what they would want if we hypothetically had a budget of \$10 million. Denise will send out a summary of the minutes as soon as they are available. There was a lot of interest in trails. The next Task Force meeting is in two weeks. Denise asked the committee members whether there is anything they want her to bring up at that meeting. Joanne stated the Amphitheater and the water trail. Tina would like to see more information about the history of the town, including farming and milling.

- **Quick Status Updates • Lovering Street Parking Lot (Tina)**

Denise stated the swallow wort invasive is growing in the parking lot, Jim mowed it and we need to put some type of weed trap on it. Denise stated Mike Boynton asked Steve Carew, DPW to stop work there until the second entrance issue was resolved. Tina will email Mike Boynton. Jim mowed some of the swallow-wort but there is a lot more. There are a lot of big tree branches in the way of mowing. Joanne stated they can do that as part of a Trail Club work detail. The goal is to get gravel installed ASAP.

- **History of trolley crossing bridge at the Willows**

Denise stated that the map showed this as a trolley crossing. Tina could not find it, she thinks there was a factory down there. Joanne stated she has a hand drawn map that shows where the factories were. Joanne & Tina will take a close look at that map. Charlie will send Joanne the Planning Board maps showing where the trolley crossing was located (this was shown in a prior Zoom meeting). Joanne will talk to Grace Hoag to get more historical information.

- **Adams Meadow vehicle barriers (Jim)**

Jim advised that Steve Carew is supposed to take care of this, but it has not been done yet. Jim also stated Steve cannot access some of the trails, especially the ones on the Summer Street side, to mow them. Steve needs to identify what machine is needed to access those areas. Joanne stated she walked and measured this area with Steve earlier in the season to see what is needed but there hasn't been any progress on this.

- **Amphitheater Village Street Access (Mike)**

Mike was going to talk to Tetra Tech. Tina will follow up with Mike on this.

- **Land Management Plan update (Jim)**

Jim stated he talked to Steve several times about the maintenance tasks and Steve said that he is going to do it. Steve also volunteered to pull out the big stump at the amphitheater. Jim will let the committee know once this has been done. Joanne stated that Dave D'Amico is retiring at the end of June and Peter Pelletier has taken over. We need to discuss the transfer of responsibilities. Jim will update the spreadsheet with actual dates of when the mowing should occur. Tina will send this to Peter Pelletier and copy Jim.

- **Treating Invasives (Jim)**

Jim stated Bridget Graziano does not have time to work on it right now but may have time in a couple of weeks. Jim stated the bittersweet at the back of the Adams Street Meadow has to be mowed now and let it grow for a few weeks and then hit it with the herbicide. Jim will send Tina an email detailing what needs to be done.

- **Coordination of scout and volunteer projects (Tina)**

Tina asked Michael Boynton about this and they will continue to let the scouts contact whomever they want to. Tina will email Michael Boynton again to see about having one point of contact for the Scouts so the right committees are informed. This will eliminate environmental mistakes like the meadow being mowed. Jim stated three bridges need to be built at the Amphitheater. Charlie can put something on Medway Open Space, Trail Club, and Friends of Medway. Tina will send an e-mail to volunteers.

- **Dog signs (Denise)**

Denise stated she received approval from Allison Potter for the signs. She showed the committee members a few different signs to choose from. The sign will be made of metal and the cost is about \$25.00 apiece. Denise will talk with Allison about ordering the signs and talk with Julie Harrington about putting these at the parks.

- **Approval of May 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Denise made a motion to approve the May 4, 2021 meeting minutes as amended. Joanne seconded the motion and it was voted to approve.

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

Tina stated she sent emails to family, friends and prior members looking for new members to be on the OSC. Please reach out to anyone you know that might be interested. Charlie will put something on Medway Open Space, Trail Club and Friends of Medway. Tina is thinking about coming off of the Community Preservation Committee by January and asked if anyone might be interested in joining. Tina will still be on the Open Space Committee but moving forward, Denise will run the Open Space meetings. Mike, Bruce, and Tina's terms are going to expire soon.

Joanne stated she has been asking Bridget about getting the meadow behind Larussi mowed. Tina will follow up with Bridget on this and the status of the grant. Tina asked Jim to add this area (strip of land to left of trail to the woodland area) to the excel spreadsheet under yearly maintenance.

Denise mentioned the bridge project and that permanent signs will be installed. The August 3rd meeting will start at 7:15 PM. Starting in September and going forward, meetings will start at 7:00 PM.

Tina made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm. Charlie seconded the motion and Denise, Charlie, Jim and Tina all stated aye they were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Tracy Rozak