



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

Meeting Minutes on March 7, 2017

**Medway Senior Center
Oakland Circle**

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

Present:

Management Plan Adams Land:

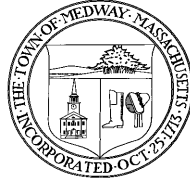
Member Wickis met with the Conservation Agent about the management plan for the Adams Land. The agent does not want crusher run around the perimeter, she wants to keep it natural without having material brought in. She is fine with this area being mowed. It was recommended that we go to the Conservation Commission to discuss these items. The Committee would like to make the Conservation Commission aware that this is the area where it could be accessible for those with mobility issues. The Committee did indicate that the boundaries of the trail still need to be determined. The filing of a Notice of Intent would need to be done through the Board of Selectmen since they own the land. The Chairman will ask to be placed on the Board of Selectmen agenda. The Committee would still like to pursue getting a price for the crusher run. Member Ross mentioned the material used on the Holliston Rail Trail and will follow up with his contact regarding pricing and amount.

The Conservation Agent is pushing for management plans for the necessary properties. There will be a designated person for the maintenance. A spreadsheet of the lands under the Conservation Commission was gathered. Dave D'Amico, Fred Sibley, Town Administrator, Conservation Agent, and Open Space will be working together to achieve this.

The Committee would like to discuss the entrance of Adams Street with Dave D'Amico. This needs some type of apron to control the run-off. It was suggested to do a site walk and flag the perimeter trail. Member Legee and Williams volunteered to do the flagging. Member Wickis will bring the flags to the April meeting.

Trail Signs:

The Committee received a copy of Trail Sign Needs list dated March 2, 2017. The cost for the signs are \$10,513.68.



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Adams Street Chicken Brook:

The Adams Street/Chicken Brook trail route, up to the proposed boardwalk, was walked with Conservation Commission members. The town is in the process of coordinating the bid packages for the boardwalk. The boardwalk is longer than expected.

The Committee was informed that there is interest on having a 5 K on the baseball opening day which is April 23, 2017. The logistics of this event will need to be worked out. It would be a fundraiser with the funds shared between trails and Medway Youth Baseball. The Medway Trail Club is investigating.

Clean Sweep:

The Clean Sweep event will be Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. There are currently five people signed up. The meeting place is the Medway High School (north field parking lot). Member Ross took the action to share this information with the trail club members and on the Medway Open Space Facebook page.

Master Plan Funding:

Member Francis and Williams attended the CPC meeting regarding the funding for the proposed Open Space Master Plan update. The current plan expires this year.

The members discussed the open space master plan funding article for \$25,000.00. It was noted that this is a master plan for the town, not just the Open Space Committee, since the committee is strictly advisory. This plan would help provide focus and responsibilities for such things as management of the land.

Susy Affleck-Childs attended the CPC meeting and providing support and a great explanation for the need for this type of document. The Conservation Agent and the Director of Planning and Economic Development Stephanie Mercandetti are in support of this article. The creation of this document would be a multi-committee approach seeking the input from the Department of Public Works, Conservation Commission, Planning and Economic Development and others. It would be beneficial to have this as a guiding document but if it is not funded, the committee does not know how much time they will be able to put into the reworking the document.

Member Williams is planning on attending the next CPC meeting.

Amphitheatre area:

The Committee discussed how to get more people interested in this area. The area still needs the fence installed and the parking lot area completed.



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Minutes:

February 7, 2017:

On a motion made by Bruce Hamblin and seconded by Charlie Ross, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes from February 7, 2017.

Rating Sheet:

The members are in receipt of the updated ranking sheet. Member Ross put the chart into Excel. The numerical ranking worked well. Member Ross took an action to make some minor updates.

Tasks:

Attend Board of Selectmen meeting – Tina Wright
Working on bridges and dimensions and pricing- Charlie Ross
Attending EFRAC Meetings – Mike Francis
Contacting Fred Sibley about Amphitheater– Jim Wickis
Follow-up on Neelon Lane Contact person from association – Bruce Hamblin
Call Bridget Neelon Lane - Joanne Williams
Signs/Kiosks – Denise Legee

Other Business:

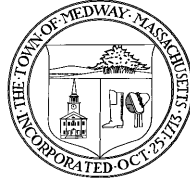
Member Hamblin presented document from Brookline on various projects which the town undertook. This was shared with the members.

Adjourn:

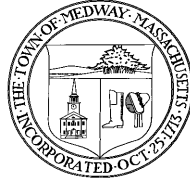
On a motion made by Bruce Hamblin and seconded by Charlie Ross, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary
Approved April 4, 2017



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