



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

**Meeting Minutes on October 4, 2016**

**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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Present at the meeting were the following residents:

- Winnie and Ashok Nayak
- Michael Murphy

**Parking Adam Street:**

Residents Ashok and Winnie Nayak were present at the meeting to discuss the proposed parking area on Adam Street.

The residents had the following concerns:

- Trash and debris is currently being dumped on site and their property.
- Concerned about the noise of those parking in this area.
- Lack of privacy.
- Do not want this as a hang out or gathering area.

The Chairman explained that the goal in this area is to have three to five parking spaces which will be of natural substance for drainage. This area will be handicap accessible for those with mobility issues. This will not be a drive thru, or turn around area. It was suggested that a sign be put up noting that this area is only open dawn to dusk. There will also be a trash receptacle and kiosk. The natural border will be maintained. The location of the trail was explained to the resident.



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The Chairman informed the members that she met with the Conservation Agent and a man named Ed Barry is able to clear parts of the meadow with a brush hog along with taking down and leveling the hill. The cost would be \$800.00 per day. He is able to do the circumference of meadow. The Request for Determination of Applicability will be written by the Conservation Agent and will be submitted to Conservation Commission for approval. The total cost for would be \$2,400.00.

The timeline for this includes:

- Attend October Conservation Commission meeting
- Attend November CPC meeting.
- Conservation Agent flagging the wetlands

**On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Bruce Hamblin, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to approve the request for \$2,400.00.**

In relation to the trail, there is a warrant article for the boardwalk which will be 150 ft. long. The quoted amount is \$55,000, but the town meeting article will probably seek \$75,000.00. The goal is to have the boardwalk be ADA compliant. The town meeting will be on Monday, November 14, 2016.

**Town Counsel Right of Way:**

The Committee received communication back about the right of way. There does not appear to be an issue with the easement near Summer Street which then goes to the boardwalk. The town owns the land.

The Committee was made aware that there is a warrant article for the town meeting for the funding for the boardwalk over Chicken Brook.

**Woodland Trail South of Meadow:**

There was an agreement last year to route out the inner and outer loop of the trail. There will be a piling of some of the branches to keep people on the main trail.

**Story Walk:**

The representatives of the story walk attended the CPC meeting. This activity should be ready in the next two weeks and the theme will include 19<sup>th</sup> century authors. The various sites will have QR. Coding and will be interactive. The Committee discussed having member Wickis provide



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information about the meadow. There was also discussion about placing a QR code to the open space website and maps.

**Amphitheater Stair Estimate:**

The original estimate for the amphitheater stairs quote was \$200,000. The Chairman will follow-up with the Town Administrator on this item.

**Sign Samples:**

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Tree Inventory:**

Member Williams was not present to provide the update on this agenda item.

**Criteria for Ranking Land:**

The members were in receipt of the previously drafted copy of the criteria for ranking land. After discussion, the committee agreed to have the Chairman prioritize some of the items into categories. There was also conversation that contiguous open space land should have a higher ranking. It was suggested to have a high, medium and low ranking. There was agreement that the tool needs to be more evaluative. An important point was noted that sometimes the acquisition cost makes the purchasing of the land not feasible. This needs to be referenced in the ranking.

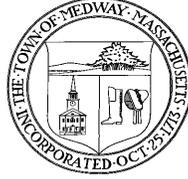
The following suggestions were made from the ranking chart:

- Put all the agricultural items together.
- Recreational and Access could include numbers 4, 6,8,9,10,11, and 12.
- For an additional category add number 5 and 6.
- Suggestion to eliminate number 8 and 14.
- Include as a category numbers 12, 13, and 15.

The Chairman will categorize and refine the land criteria ranking list. This will be provided to the committee at the next meeting.

**Other Business:**

- Member Wickis will paint orange the various tree stumps for grinding at the Amphitheatre.
- The Chairman placed a call into Tucker landscaping.



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- Member Wickis will inform Fred to hold off on Adams Street at this point.
- Fred will remove the booms if someone can bring him to the canoe launch.
- Member Wickis attended the second public forum sponsored by the Medway Redevelopment Authority. There were several questions brought up at the meeting which included how the water issue will be handled. There is still a need to acquire titled from a variety of parcels. This concept plan includes a proposed hotel. There is an open space parcel noted on the conceptual plan.

**Future Meeting:**

- Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

**Adjourn:**

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Bruce Hamblin, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Recording Secretary  
Approved November 1, 2016



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