



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

Meeting Minutes on December 6, 2016

**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
Absent with notice							
Absent without notice							

Chicken Brook:

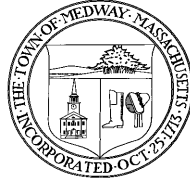
The members were informed that town meeting voted to approve the funding for Chicken Brook Trail. The trail task force held a meeting on November 21, and walked the site on November 26th, along with members of the Trail Club. Some OSC members are in the Trail Club. No Committee business was discussed or votes taken. Charlie Ross captured the routes using GPS and created maps. The Conservation Agent will be doing a walk of the potential crossing areas. The Chairman will follow-up with an email to the conservation agent to make sure this happens. Member Ross will be meeting with the boy scouts on Monday December 12, 2016 about the small bridges. The bridges will require a filing of a request for determination of applicability through the Conservation Commission. Since the Open Space Committee has not heard back from the girl scouts, member Legee will follow-up.

Williamsburg:

The committee was made aware that the trail was walked and staked by member Wickis and the Conservation Agent. This open space land will be turned over to the town. This trail will have two parking spaces. There needs to be some clean-up and mowing of the trail. There was a question about an easement to extend to Hopping Brook. The current deed has a conservation restriction on it. There is language written about the open space property being mowed twice a year and trail maintained. The Chairman will email Susy about how can this be enforced.

Neelon Lane:

Members Hamblin and Williams provided an update on the Neelon Lane open space area. There are two trails which you can walk from upper to lower. There is the ability to get a canoe to the



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Charles River. There may need to be some fill brought in and grading. There are a lot of invasive plants. This is a perfect spot for picnic area and benches. It does require clean-up. There are two pipes and rusted structures which need to be removed. Joanne and Bruce will follow-up with the DPS. Member Williams would like to attend a condominium association meeting to discuss the trails. It was recommended that the boundaries be determined before a meeting is set up with the association.

Adams Meadow:

The Committee was informed that the initial mowing was completed. The parking area will be cleared next month. There was discussion about the placement of boulders to prevent driving into the parking area from the High School emergency road.

The Committee also talked about the kiosks the school placed for the Story Walk project and how water has gotten into the kiosks. Member Williams will follow-up with the school representative.

Amphitheater fence/parking area:

The Committee was informed that there is funding for a fence. The Chairman will meet with Fred Sibley to mark where the fence will go and he will be placing the order. The parking area also needs to be dug out and squared off. In regards to the piece of rusted piece of historic equipment, the Chairman will bring this up with the Historical Commission to see if they are interested in having this since it is a part of Medway's history as a mill town.

Canoe Launch and Landscaping:

The Chairman informed the committee that she did met with Tucker Landscaping. A quote is expected within the next week. The Chairman also spoke with the Conservation Agent about a restoration project at the canoe launch area.

Sign Samples:

The Committee looked at the sign samples provided by member Francis. Member Legee will put together the pricing list with areas for the signs. The pdf's of the maps will be prepared by member Ross once the details are finalized. The pricing for the bulk signs is \$35.00 per item. It was recommended to put in a sign funding request for \$5,000.



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Park RFP:

Member Francis attended the EFRAC meeting on the parks project. There will be a series of public meetings. The first will be Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 7:00 PM at the town Hall. The second and third meeting will be January 5 & 26, 2017 at the Thayer House.

Criteria for Ranking Land:

- This will be reviewed at the January 3, 2017 meeting.

Minutes:

November 1, 2016:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Denise Legee, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 1, 2016.

Future Meeting:

- Tuesday, January 3, 2017.
- Wednesday, January 25, 2017 to review the Master Plan

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Denise Legee, the Open Space Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland