

The Town of Medway
Open Space Committee
Meeting Minutes on June 5, 2018

Medway Senior Center
76 Oakland Circle
Medway, MA 02053

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

The meeting was opened at 7:20 pm.

Trails:

The members of the Open Space Committee did a site walk of the Oakland trail prior to the opening of the meeting. The members were presented with a Oakland map which delineated the trails into yellow and white. The yellow trail does cross private property. There are wet portions of the trail. There needs to be discussion about what could possibly be done in the wet areas. The easements on this land need to be clarified. The rail bed trails are being used. The rail bed in Millis is private property. The town should pursue reaching out to Millis about possible easement. There are currently two parcels which would require some form of negotiating to provide connection to the trail. It was recommended that this be mentioned to Selectmen Trindade. Member Ross will follow-up with Selectmen Trindade.

Kiosks:

Two of the kiosks were installed at the following locations:

- Adams Street Meadow
- North of Adams Street at power easement. This is the trailhead for the boardwalk trail,

Member Ross provided the members with a kiosk survey. It was explained that this was last done two years ago. A majority of the maps have not been replaced. The plexi glass at Bresnahan's Landing needs to be replaced. Member Ross has currently updated the maps for Chicken Brook/High School/Choate corridor. He informed the committee that one of his goals is to replace the faded maps with laminated versions. Member Ross has the master files for Pat McHallum's Bresnahan's Landing Map, but is seeking input from canoers to update its content. There was also a suggestion to transition to having plexiglass over the entire panel of the kiosks.

The packet of information provided had the following photos of kiosks:

- Amphitheater
- Bresnahan's Landing
- Middle School – Kelley Street
- Middle School – Main Parking Lot
- Cassidy Fields
- Choate Park
- Community Farm
- Idylbrook North
- Idylbrook South
- North Field

The Community Farm kiosk has the majority of the space being used by the farm and it appears that they have their own trail different from the one on our map.

Suggestions from discussion:

- There was a suggestion to get an app for the trails and use my walk and drop this into the GIS software.
- Member Williams will follow-up with the Farm about making sure the efforts of both are coordinated.
- Include the Thayer Homestead on the maps as a destination point.
- Make Boardwalk another color (beige/light brown)
- North field: Update and reserve a space for information provided by Jim in each kiosks.
- North Field: Put something on back of kiosk since trail continues on other side. (front and back)
- Idylbrook map should it have notation that dogs need to be on a leash.
- Member Williams will remove the sign on Adams Street that has the runny paint. This will be replaced with new signs member Legee is ordering.
- It is the goal of Member Ross to update the current maps by September.
- Member Legee and Williams will continue blazing. There was discussion of blazing the trail along the water south of the meadow.

GRANT INITIATIVE:

The Open Space Committee was informed about a grant initiative. It was suggested to inform Consultant Carlucci and see if he was interested in attending. The grant initiative is to tie an existing project into a new possible project. Member Hamblin will follow-up on the time frame with Susy and see if Open Space Committee should start planning for next year.

Medway Pride Day:

The Medway Pride Day booth was a success. There was a sign-up sheet for those residents interested in volunteering. Most people signed up for a walk but not to do trail work. There was a raffle with prizes. There was a suggestion to have more maps places at the library/town hall.

OSRP Task Force Update:

The OSRP is working to update the town owned land list. This list will be narrowed down to see which target properties are. The current draft of the plan is being updated.

Rail Trail:

Member Cowan will provide an update at the next meeting.

Garden in the Woods:

Member Williams will speak with members of a group called “Garden in the Woods” to see if this is something that the Town of Medway would like to take part in. There was discussion that a species in a specific habitat could be highlighted. The New England Wild Flower Society would be a great organization to reach out to. There was a suggestion that if any species will be added to the Amphitheatre for example, we may need to check with the Conservation Commission.

Other Items:

Member Williams mentioned that she arranged to have advertising done on the open space areas at Charles River Bank, they have a dedicated area at the bank that local businesses can sign up to advertise at. There could be information about how to contact the Committee if interested in volunteering.

Acceptance of Minutes:

On a motion made by Joanne Williams and seconded by Denise Legee, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from May 1, 2018 with revisions.

Future Meeting:

- August 7, 2018

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Charlie Ross and seconded by Denise Legee, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary

Approved July 31, 2018

