

Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2018
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

Members Present: Brenda Bowman, Ray DeSanti, Gary Flynn, Mike Peckar, Barbara Wyatt, Vin Vignaly

Members Absent: John Hadley

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:05 pm. Motion by Mr. Peckar, seconded by Mrs. Wyatt, the minutes of the October 1, 2018 meeting were approved.

Mr. Vignaly distributed the hard copies of the final 2018 OSRP for OSIC members.

Town-wide Comprehensive Plan Preparation: Open Space and Recreation Section:

Mr. Vignaly explained that a Public Forum was scheduled by the Town Administrator to discuss this section. The TCP is a 3-5 year plan for capital expenditures and to guide the town over the short term. It is required to be updated every 5 years since 2000, but this has not occurred. This is the closest the committee has come to preparing the required document. Discussion of the Top 10 or 15 action items from the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update resulted in requests to revise the list from the OSRP. Apply for CPA funds for a public meeting similar to a recent one in Princeton to encourage and educate property owners of the State's Chapter 61 program and the Conservation Restrictions available to landowners to reduce tax burdens. Prepare brochures for this information and draft an article for the Item. Mr. Vignaly will revise the summary and list attached to these minutes to include items discussed and circulate it to members before discussing it with the Town Administrator.

Dog Park Subcommittee Report:

Ms. Brown was not in attendance, but no response has been received by Mr. Vignaly who called and left messages with Mr. Ahlmstrom about possible town purchase of his back 24 acres at 255 Laurel Street for a cemetery and walking link to the Rail Trail, and a dog park.

Properties of Interest:

The Private Properties of Interest for Open Space acquisition were discussed with Mr. Peckar to follow up on this list of properties:

- 264 Prospect Street – Brossi property: In court over the ZBA denial of Special Permit Request.
- Israel Property, the largest site on Blue Ridge Road, was determined to be of interest for the Dog Park location. Mike will contact them to discuss it further.
- Monkiewicz properties, 22 acres at about 201 Laurel Street (119/43 and 119/44) for acquisition by town or DCR. No contact has been made to date.
- Rear portion of the Kaufman property at 11 Marsh Hawk Way (144/49), 4 acres of the 5.5 acre lot abutting the Pine Glen parcel for Land Trust/Town acquisition. No contact made to date.
- 18 Malden Street – Ebert property: Inquire of estate plans and/or acquisition of portion for town open space and future school uses. No contact made to date.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 6:00 on Monday January 7, 2019.

Upon motion by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly