

Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2018
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

Members Present: Brenda Bowman, Ray DeSanti, Mike Peckar, Vin Vignaly

Members Absent: John Hadley, Gary Flynn, Barbara Wyatt

Others Present: James Jardine-8 Applewood Lane

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:00 pm. Motion by Mr. Peckar, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update (OSRP):

Mr. Vignaly noted that final comments from our last meeting were sent to CMRPC so that they can complete the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update. Discussion to edit it again to change the Senior Center references to reflect that Town Meeting just approved construction at the Mixer site ended with a decision to just finish up the OSRP. There will always be changes, but we can work on it again in 6 years. The OSIC members, except Mr. Vignaly, all asked for hard copies once the document is completed.

Dog Park Subcommittee Report:

Ms. Brown was not in attendance, but discussion to ask about including a Dog Park at the Mixer site resulted in asking that an inquiry email be sent to the Town Administrator. No contact has been made with Mr. Ahlmstrom about possibly using or the town purchasing his back 24 acres at 255 Laurel for a cemetery, walking link to the Rail Trail, and a dog park. Mike will contact him.

Properties of Interest:

The Private Properties of Interest for Open Space acquisition were discussed. The OSIC discussed the following 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.
- Assessors Lot 25 on Hartwell Street before the bridge on the north side was offered by the Municipal Light Plant for a dog park site. It was noted to be in the DCR Primary Protection Zone, was isolated along the railroad tracks, but seemed to have wetland and may not be of adequate size.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 6:00 on Thursday, August 2, 2018.

Upon motion by Mr. Peckar, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly