

March 29, 2023 Meeting Minutes  
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)  
West Boylston Town Hall, 140 Worcester St. Meeting Room

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

Members Absent: Bill Chase

Others Present: Doug Urquhart, David Hennessy, GinnyRose Pellegrini, Jennifer Warren-Dyment (Town Administrator), Barur Rajeshkumar (Selectboard Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:05 pm at the WB Town Hall. The committee has not met in over a year.

Motion by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mr. DeSanti: the minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Blueberry Hill Property - 353 Goodale St Property (formerly Malden Hill South)**

Mr. Peckar worked with Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) to clear and blaze the trails at the property. The trail has been mapped by GWLT and Mr. Peckar will send a copy and the link to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the Town Website. Mr. Peckar will work with GWLT to post a sign for “Blueberry Hill” like the sign at Pine Glen on Goodale Street. Mr. DeSanti and others will forward photos and information about operational/rules signs at similar trails in abutting communities. Discussion occurred of the preference for a bridge over the ditch to relocate the trail away from the abutter’s property. It would need to be a stable passable means to cross the ditch. Mr. Peckar said he will contact Mr. Minnich who was supportive of extending the trail onto his abutting property and tie into the fitness trails that already exist there. Mr. Minnich will also be asked if he would be willing to use his tractor to move a couple of boulders in the ditch to make a more easily passable crossing.

**18 Malden Street and Other Possible 40B Properties:**

The 18 Malden Street site was discussed. This property has been on the list of properties of interest in the Open Space and Recreation Plans since 2009. It is the only contiguous land to the existing Junior/Senior High School for expansion of playing fields or other school facilities. Ms. Pelligrini and Mr. Hennessy attended a meeting of the neighborhood where people stated that they would be willing to provide some funding to the town for the town to acquire the land. Mr. Peckar noted that GWLT may be willing to acquire the property using grant funding or other public financing options. He will speak with them and report back at the next meeting.

**Other Development Proposals and Properties of Interest**

Mr. DeSanti asked about 77 Lee Street. Mr. Vignaly had called and left a message with the Foreclosure attorney at Deutsche Bank back in 2021, and again last spring, but received no response. Ms. Bowman asked about the Helen Tashjian property at about #355 Prospect St. Ms. Warren-Dyment indicated that the house and land to the north were purchased by the same entity due to a “legal issue”. Therefore the land to the north is not available. Mr. DeSanti asked about 118 Maple Street and Mr. Vignaly noted that the Planning Board signed a plan dividing that property into three lots. But it was noted that it does not mean the lots are ‘buildable’. They will need to get approval from DCR.

**Committee Elections and Dog Park Discussions** were tabled to a future meeting.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 6:00 on Monday, May 1, 2023. Upon motion by Mr. Flynn, second by Mr. Peckar: committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly