

Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2017
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

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

Members Absent: John Hadley, Mike Peckar,

Others Present: Robert Dunne and Jim Pedone-WB Parks Commission, Justin Howard, Michele Brown, Marc Frieden

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:05 pm. Motion by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Mr. DeSanti, the minutes of the 3/21/17 Public Forum meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update (OSRP):

The committee reviewed the comments received at the Public Forum and the draft changes proposed to be made to the OSRP.

The committee reviewed the suggestions for locations of sidewalks in town. The suggestion for a sidewalk on the west side of Crescent at Goodale Park was removed because pedestrians can use the walkway near the basketball court to get to the track and there is no space due to existing trees, and drainage problems along the west side of Crescent Street. The suggested sidewalk on Hartwell Street toward Maple Street/Worcester is difficult because the town does not own all the way to Burncoat Street, but a sidewalk to the east to Shrewsbury Street will be included. The suggestion for sidewalk improvements on Central from Crescent to Goodale will be included. The updated Sidewalk Plan from the Complete Streets Prioritization Planning work being done by CMRPC should be incorporated into this update. CMRPC is doing both, so it should be available.

The high priority areas for improved bicycle lanes are within a mile of the town schools and along the numbered roads in town.

Ms. Wyatt noted that the costs and complete report for the Goodale Park Master Plan is still not available on the town website. Mr. Dunne noted that there is good information that can be used to move ahead with prioritizing the facilities needed, but the listed costs and phasing do not match the needs. There was an alternative layout requested by Selectman Rucho, but that is not available online.

The OSIC asked to review the draft table of Properties of Interest and potentially show the parcel value and funding sources.

Dog Park Subcommittee Report:

Ms. Brown said she has received a lot of support from her Facebook page in support of the dog park. Abbot Veterinary Center and Maggie's Place near the town post office want to be involved as the project progresses. The initial design stage is beginning with site selection and meeting with a landscape architect to prepare a scope of services that will need Selectmen approval to move forward before a grant application to the Stanton Foundation can be started. Ms. Brown will work with the subcommittee and Town Administrator to keep things going.

The next meeting will be scheduled when a Final Draft is received from CMRPC. Upon motion by Ms. Wyatt, seconded by Mr. DeSanti, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly