

July 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

Present: Brenda Bowman, Ray DeSanti, Gary Flynn, John Hadley, Mike Peckar. Vin Vignaly
Members Absent: Maeghan Dos Anjos
Others Present: Jim Pedone-Parks Commission Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:03 pm. Motion by Mr. DeSanti, seconded by Mr. Hadley, the minutes of the June 13, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously; Mr. Peckar abstained because he was not present for that meeting.

Parks Commission Coordination:

Mr. Pedone summarized the efforts of the Parks Commission. Their current priorities are: Mixer Field replacement and potential new soccer field on remaining land, Woodland Park (Courts and field). Mr. Flynn noted that the Parks Commission is refocusing the efforts of the Parks Facilities Committee to initiate projects in town. Mr. DeSanti raised questions about the highest priority needs noted in the last three Open Space and Recreation Town Surveys for a swimming/water facility, walking areas, and for repairs to the track to comply with MIAA requirements. These have not been prioritized.

Dog Park Subcommittee Report:

No news.

Properties of Interest:

Mr. Hadley noted that he would find out who the property owner is for 77 Lee street. It was believed to be in foreclosure so a purchase for open space and maybe expansion of trails would be feasible.

Property Management Issues:

Ms. Bowman's continuing request that the 12.5 acre property purchased by the town in 2017 at the top of Goodale Street, north of Lee Street, called "Malden Hill South" needs a safe parking area and clear trail markings. Mr. Bill Chase, the Conservation Commission, has authority over this area and have been working on ideas for walking trails and a pavilion in this area. The OSIC scheduled a meeting at the site to review property boundaries and walk the existing trail that runs through it for Sunday July 21 to help define the limits of work needed for a parking area and trails. Ms. Bowman encouraged the OSIC to request CPC funds at the October Town Meeting for preparation of a parking area and to create a sign to remind people of the benefits gained from their taxes paid to the CPA funded projects. Mr. Chase said that the Greater Worcester Land Trust was paid to put up signs, mark boundaries, and trail markings, as well as provide a safe parking area. Ms. Bowman found that there were stipulations in the Conservation Restriction and will get more information for our next meeting.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 6:00 on Thursday, August 8, 2019.

Upon motion by Mr. Peckar, seconded by Mr. Flynn, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly