Meeting Minutes – October 1, 2018

West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)

Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

Members Present: Brenda Bowman, Ray DeSanti, John Hadley, Gary Flynn, Vin Vignaly

Members Absent: Mike Peckar, Barbara Wyatt

Others Present: Maeghan Walters

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:05 pm. Motion by Mr. DeSanti, seconded by Mr. Hadley, the minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting were approved, Mr. Hadley abstained.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan Update (OSRP):**

Mr. Vignaly noted that the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update has been completed and can be viewed on the town’s website. Mr. Vignaly has not received the hard copies for OSIC members yet, but will request them again.

**Dog Park Subcommittee Report:**

Ms. Brown was not in attendance, but discussion about a Dog Park with the Town Administrator has not moved forward. Mr. Vignaly called and left two 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 have not been returned. Mr. Peckar was not in attendance to update the committee on his progress.

**Properties of Interest:**

The Private Properties of Interest for Open Space acquisition were discussed.  The OSIC did not move forward because Mr. Peckar was not in attendance to update the committee on his progress on 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 Monday November 12, 2018.

Upon motion by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly