

June 13, 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, Vin Vignaly, Barbara Wyatt

Members Absent: Mike Peckar

Others Present: Michele Brown-dog park subcommittee, Maeghan Dos Anjos

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:03 pm. Motion by Mr. DeSanti, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously; Mr. Hadley and Ms. Wyatt abstained because they were not present for that meeting.

**Dog Park Subcommittee Report:**

Ms. Brown said that there are no available land options to place a dog park in town. The land ownership requirement of the Stanton Foundation limits sites and there are very few of those. Mr. Vignaly would like to keep this work going on the back burner because he thinks there might be a possibility of using a portion of the Town-owned property on Tivnan Drive just east of the power lines. The next dog park to open in Worcester is at Tacoma Street, about a mile from this location. This may still negate the need to have a park in West Boylston, but the Senior Center site on Prescott was not feasible due to the proximity of neighbors.

**Properties of Interest:**

The Private Properties of Interest for acquisition as discussed at our last meeting have not changed.

**Property Management Issues:**

The property purchased by the town about 4 years ago at the top of Goodale Street, north of Lee Street, called "Malden Hill South", is not clearly marked and there is poor parking access to use this property. Mr. Bill Chase has been working on walking trails and a pavilion in this area, but we have not seen any descriptions or plans. Ms. Bowman encouraged the OSIC to request CPC funds to make the property more accessible and to create signs to remind people of the benefits gained from CPC projects. The Greater Worcester Land Trust was asked to put up signs, 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.

Mr. Flynn noted that the Parks Commission is refocusing efforts to ask the Parks Facilities Committee to initiate projects in town. The priorities discussed by the OSIC were (in order) improvements to the track to allow home track events, repair Woodland Park field for drainage and repair Woodland Park tennis/basketball courts, and restore the fields at Mixer.

Ms. Wyatt suggested that since she has missed a few meetings this year and she has been on the Committee for over 25 years, she would like to ask Maeghan Dos Anjos if she wanted to become a full member. Ms. Dos Anjos has been attending meeting for the last few meetings and has a strong background to help this committee. Everyone was in favor. Ms. Wyatt committed to remain involved and provide assistance from her extensive historical memory and notes for the committee.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 6:00 on Thursday, July 25, 2019.

Upon motion by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Ms. Wyatt, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly