

November 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

Present: Brenda Bowman, Ray DeSanti, Mike Peckar, Vin Vignaly
Members Absent: Maeghan Dos Anjos, Gary Flynn, John Hadley
Others Present: Ms. Barbara Wyatt

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:04 pm. Motion by Mr. Peckar, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the minutes of the September 26, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

Blueberry Hill (formerly Malden Hill South) Parking and Drainage CPA Funding Request

Mr. Vignaly reviewed the October 2019 town meeting where Mr. Peckar presented the request for funding of \$18,000.00 for the surveying, tree removal, and parking/driveway access improvements at the site through the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Following some questions, the funding was approved for \$18,000.00. Mr. Peckar motioned, with Mr. DeSanti seconding, to vote to accept the three proposals for the work as noted and to ask Ms. Lucier, Town Administrator, to endorse the contracts and begin work on the project. The vote was unanimous. The surveying will be completed first, then the tree removal and then the gravel parking/driveway construction. Coordination with the Lee Street drainage repair project piping will be encouraged to try to save the town money as best we can. Once parking is in place signs will be needed: "Blueberry Hill" sign to indicate trail head and is a CPA-funded project; a kiosk with information and local information (possibly a Scout project); and a 'Rules' sign for hours of operation, leash and pickup requirements.

Properties of Interest:

Mr. Vignaly noted that he has not heard back from the attorney for the property owner for 77 Lee Street. A list of current Chapter Lands was given to be reviewed before our next meeting to discuss possible uses for each property if it is offered to the town under the Right of First Refusal. Better to plan for this before it occurs and know if a site is of interest or not.

Dog Park Status:

Mr. Vignaly noted potential coordination with the Cemetery Trustees to use the western end of the Tivnan Drive property currently owned by the town. The soils and slopes look promising, with field testing needed to confirm conditions. Possible funding through CPA or DCS Grant might help reduce costs to the town for a needed cemetery.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 6:00 on Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

Upon motion by Mr. DeSanti seconded by Ms. Bowman, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly