

Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2016
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

Members Present: Brenda Bowman, Mike Peckar, John Hadley, Barbara Wyatt, Vin Vignaly
Members Absent: Ray DeSanti, Gary Flynn

Others Present: Bob Dunne-Parks Comm&Parks Facilities, Danielle Mucciaroni-Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:02 pm. On a motion by Mr. Hadley and a second from Mr. Peckar, the minutes of the 1/26/16 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Progress:

Danielle Mucciaroni, CMRPC staff, reviewed the public survey questions and that it should be open for about a month. She suggested posting notices to townspeople to request that they complete it on the Town Sign, Town Website, Administrator's 'Blast', and electric bills. She will create a link to the survey from the town website and have hard copies available at the library and senior center. She requested all comments to the survey wording by 3/15. The survey may be completed during the month of April, after which the data will be analyzed. She is compiling other available information and past planning efforts from the Parks Commission, Parks Facilities Committee, OSIC, and will contact others to fill any gaps.

The next meeting was suggested as Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 6 pm, to accommodate CMRPC.

Goodale Park Master Plan Status:

Mr. Dunne reported that the Parks Facilities Committee received final cost estimates in the range of 24 million dollars for their Preferred Layout and plan to make a presentation at May Town Meeting. Much of the cost is to remove ledge from the football stadium area. The layout was not adjusted after the soil test results showed ledge at less than 2'.

Parks Commission Update:

Mr. Dunne reported that the Parks Commission has done some short-term planning and will request money from CPC for improvements at Goodale Park.

263 Maple Street Acquisition:

Mr. Peckar reported that Conservation Commission viewed the property and supports the acquisition and is considering paying the 'due diligence' costs associated with assuring there are no outstanding issues with the property. Since it is a gift to the Town, there is no need for a Town Meeting vote, only votes by the ConCom and Board of Selectmen to acquire and monitor it.

Properties of Interest List Review:

Mr. Peckar said GWLT and the Conservation Commission inspected the Minnich property at 353 Goodale Street and are considering recommending to acquire it in fee or to acquire a conservation restriction. White Oak Land Trust in Holden was contacted to engage them as a partner as about half of the total parcel is in Holden, but on the WB side of the highway. The Community Preservation Committee is asking for input on projects for available funds at a meeting soon.

Motion by Ms. Bowman, and seconded by Mr. Peckar, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly