

Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2018  
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)  
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

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

Members Absent: John Hadley

Others Present: James Jardine-8 Applewood Lane

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:05 pm. Motion by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Ms. Bowman, the minutes of the 12/12/17 meeting were unanimously approved.

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

Mr. Vignaly noted that CMRPC sent him an email that they completed the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update. The OSIC never saw any draft, but they provided a link to the document and gave the Town two copies. The OSIC members noted that they had questions about this document that are summarized as follows:

1. Update the table of current Open Space Parcels to include missing info and clarify questions.
2. Revise all references to Dr. Tashjian properties, since they have been owned by Dennis Minnich for more than 3 years.
3. The Sidewalk Plan does not have any labels or legend, and does not reflect the current conditions/status of the sidewalks. What is the source of this information?
4. References to the Senior Center should reflect the vote from Town Meeting in May 2017 to site it at the Mixer property on Prescott Street.
5. The minutes for the Public Forum on March 21, 2017 are included twice.

The OSIC members, except Mr. Vignaly, all asked for hard copies once the document is completed.

**Dog Park Subcommittee Report:**

Ms. Brown was not in attendance, so the discussion noted that Dog Park discussions have not changed for the property along Tivnan Drive. Mr. Flynn did not contact Mr. Ahlmstrom about possibly using or the town purchasing his back 24 acres because he has been in Florida. Mr. Flynn was also going to contact the Cemetery Trustees to ask about their interest in a coordinated acquisition of an appropriate property for a cemetery and dog park area. Mr. Vignaly asked the Town Administrator to send the RFP for the cemetery needs to Mr. Ahlmstrom. No response was received by the town.

**Properties of Interest:**

The Private Properties of Interest for Open Space acquisition were discussed. Mr. Peckar was contacted by Colin at Greater Worcester Land Trust and they prepared the following list of properties that were discussed:

- 264 Prospect Street – Brossi property: Mr. Jardine asked about this property and was told it is the top priority parcel and the OSIC has contacted the owner in the past to discuss acquisition. They were not interested.
- Israel Properties offered 4 sites where they would be willing to discuss a sale: Most were too small, but the largest site on Blue Ridge Road was determined to be of interest for the Dog Park location. Mike would contact them to discuss it further. The smaller “T” shaped lot on Blue Ridge Road was noted to be too small, had wetlands and dumping issues in the past.
- 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 5.5 acre lot abutting the Pine Glen parcel for Land Trust/Town acquisition. No contact made to date.

- Malden Hill South property at the top of Lee Street. Ms. Bowman asked about new signs and improving the parking area to safely access the property. Mr. Peckar will check on the status of these issues with Greater Worcester Land Trust.

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 6:00 on Thursday, May 31, 2018.

Upon motion by Mr. Peckar, seconded by Mr. DeSanti, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly