

Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2016  
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)  
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

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

Others Present: Bob Dunne-Parks Comm&Parks Facilities, Nancy Lucier-Town Admin, Trish Settles and Danielle Mucciaroni-Central Mass Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:05 pm.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Kickoff Meeting:**

CMRPC staff was present to review the process and content of the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update (OSRP). They discussed the purpose as being an opportunity to coordinate activities and save effort/costs for the Town, as well as if it is approved by the State the town qualifies for project funding not available otherwise. Vignaly thanked those in attendance for their time and Mr. Dunne provided background of all the work that the Parks Commission has done recently to try to plan for the needs of the community. He will provide electronic versions of this information. The town boards were asked to review and provide copies of any existing planning documents or studies and to confirm items noted in the last OSRP that have been completed. Ms. Mucciaroni noted that she is compiling the available information from the town's website, then will contact different participants/boards to fill in any gaps. The project will provide updated mapping and should be completed by September, 2016. CMRPC has completed OSRPs for both Shrewsbury and Northborough. Visit these town websites to view them.

The next meeting was suggested as Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6 pm, to accommodate CMRPC needs.

**Pesticide Use on Town Fields:**

Gary reported that Mike Kittredge and TruGreen (the town's contractor) are working on a protocol to document the process used to notify town entities. Vinny noted that he sent the email to the Selectboard in support of having town personnel receive training to be licensed to apply pesticides in the future. Before Leon left, he used to blog a notice when treatment was to occur. It was noted to Nancy Lucier who thought it was a good idea.

**Goodale Park Master Plan Status:**

Gary and Bob Dunne reported that the Parks Facilities Committee is expecting final cost estimates for their Preferred Layout, but they said it has not been adjusted to accommodate the soil test results. The soil tests indicated ledge at about 2' or less in the upper area where significant excavation was proposed. Mr. Dunne said the ledge removal in the upper area costs were in the millions. He also has asked for a Roundtable, but is not sure the chairman will agree. Vin said that a Site Plan Review is required under the Zoning Bylaws, so getting input early could alleviate future problems and costs.

**263 Maple Street Acquisition:**

Update from Mike Peckar that DCR is in process of acquisition and OSIC should contact Community Preservation Committee to request they reimburse Greater Worcester Land Trust (GWLT) for survey work completed from their administration account. There was a question about receipts and other 'due diligence' requirements. The Conservation Commission (ConCom) will be contacted because they would accept the property for the Town and monitor it. Vin said he would attend the ConCom meeting to discuss that a vote of the Conservation Commission and the Selectboard are needed to accept the land donation, but needed to have clear reference information and a copy of the plan to include with the request.

**Properties of Interest List Review:**

Brenda was not in attendance, but discussion of the revised list, with properties recently acquired by DCR was noted. Mike noted the key role the DCAM property at 180 Beaman Street provided for trail connectivity, and he mentioned that the extension of the rail trail is progressing with a design contract to build a separate pedestrian bridge over the Stillwater River parallel to the Beaman Street bridge. An updated list of properties will be prepared. The committee noted interest in a 25 acre property located on the West Boylston/Holden Town Line off Goodale Street. Mike would contact White Oak Land Trust in Holden to coordinate assessment of the acquisition. The Community Preservation Committee is asking for input on projects for available funds at a meeting soon.

**Sidewalk Improvements:**

Vin noted that the sidewalk project is proceeding. There will be a hearing with the Conservation Commission for some of the work that is near wetlands.

**FY2015 Annual Report:**

Mike suggested additional wording relative to the Rail Trail, which will be included. The committee approved the revised wording and Vin will send it to Nancy Lucier for inclusion in the report.

On a motion by Barbara and a second from Ray, the minutes of the 11/12/15 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Upon a motion by Gary, and seconded by Barbara, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly, Clerk