

Meeting Minutes – June 26, 2017
West Boylston Open Space Implementation Committee (OSIC)
Town Hall, 140 Worcester St., West Boylston, MA

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

Members Absent: John Hadley, Gary Flynn,

Others Present: Jim Pedone-WB Parks Commission, Michele Brown, Sandy Green

The meeting was called to order by Chair Vignaly at 6:08 pm. Motion by Mr. Peckar, seconded by Mrs. Wyatt, the minutes of the 4/6/17 meeting were unanimously approved.

Open Space and Recreation Plan Update (OSRP):

The committee reviewed the Final Draft of the Plan Update and had only minor comments. The latest draft will be presented to the Selectmen at their July 19 meeting, and to the Planning Board at their June 28 meeting for approvals. The Executive Summary was noted as being helpful and is a good compilation of the major issues and a guide to the intents of the townspeople, through the public input process and multiple surveys.

Dog Park Subcommittee Report:

Ms. Brown said she has received a lot of support from the Facebook page for the dog park. The initial design stage has begun with site selection and a meeting with a landscape architect was held to prepare a scope of services that will need Selectmen approval to move forward before a grant application to the Stanton Foundation can be started. Ms. Brown contacted the Sheriff's office to determine if the park could be located on the land south of Tivnan Drive, but due to contracting concerns over a 99-year lease, that option is no longer being pursued. The property at the northeast corner of Shrewsbury and Tivnan Drive was discussed with the Municipal Light Plant, but they have further plans and the area is not available for use. The area farther to the east that was given to the Selectmen is another option to evaluate. Ms. Brown continues to work with the Town Administrator to keep things going.

The next meeting will be scheduled when comments on the OSRP are received from the state Division of Conservation Services, likely the end of August.

Upon motion by Mr. Peckar, seconded by Mr. DeSanti, the committee unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Vincent Vignaly