

MINUTES, STERLING OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting, August 6, 2009

Attendance: Brian Cline (chair), Marion Larson, Maryanne MacLeod, Sue Valentine, Bob Protano, Bill Ayadi, Peder C. Pedersen (secretary). Guest: Amanda Amory

Prior to the beginning of the OSIC meeting, all members were sworn in by Melanie Clark, as her last official duty in the Town of Sterling. Joyce Hinckley was sworn in as an alternate member, meaning that a quorum will be achieved with 4 members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) discussions:

Section 7, Analysis of Needs, and Section 8, Action Plan, of the revised Sterling Open Space Implementation Plan were handed out by Amanda Amory. These two sections were prepared over two consecutive meetings by Brian Cline, Marion Larson and Amanda Amory.

Section 8, Action Plan, was discussed extensively. This document is also referred to as a 'Voting Instrument' and it describes, in a structured fashion, a listing of objectives and actions that OSIC members can commit a specific amount of time to. Alternately, actions that an OSIC member considers important, but is outside the scope of what a he/she is willing to undertake, can be recommended for grant applications or as task for another town committee. This will establish the priorities for OSIC for the next five years. What OSIC members and other town committees do not commit to, will receive very low priority.

The completed Voting Instrument is a critical document and needs input from committee members, to be sent to Brian Cline by 5 PM, Friday, August 14.

OSIC also discussed whether the issue of a wastewater management plan should stay in Section 7, Analysis of Needs. Bob Protano voted in support. OSIC members were encouraged to carefully review Section 7, Analysis of Needs, and send comments to Amanda and/or Brian

There was also discussion as to whether OSIC should meet once or twice a month. If there is a meeting twice a month, there may be a stipulation that only once a month can there be topics that need to be voted on and therefore requires a quorum.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Peder C. Pedersen (secretary)