

OPEN SPACE AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting: February 18, 2015

Meeting Opened at 7:08 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Members in Attendance:

Peder Pedersen, Marion Larson, Jim Wilkinson and Rob Protano

Agenda for this meeting accepted.

The Minutes for the January 21, 2015 Meeting approved.

Notes taken by Rob Protano

We rescinded the motion of a \$1250.00 budget for Fiscal Year 2016. We took a new vote and approval for a \$1,000 budget maintaining a level funded budget.

Peder has had more correspondence with DCR John Scannell. The Still Water River Trail has been approved by the DCR for OSIC to list, to advertise the use of the Trail and for OSIC to put Trail markers up, but a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DCR and Town of Sterling has to be formalized and approved by both parties.

Peder also reported on further interaction with Michael Ward –Clinton's Town Manager, who is presenting our case to the Board of Selectmen on Wednesday, February 18.

Presently OSIC has approval from ConCom, Sterling Land Trust, Town of Sterling, Greenways and favorable talk from the DCR for OSIC to list, advertise and mark TRAILS.

Peder presented the Annual OSIC Report, which was discussed and voted to be accepted.

We discussed joining the Summer Friday Farmers Market resulting with some questions; 1. How big is the allotted area and recommended size and tent quality. Possible area to store our tent, chairs, tables and material.

Marion going to talk to Yahoo, Traina & Traina Insurance about possible storage.

Those who wish to join us on Fridays at the Farmers Market are: Sterling Land Trust, Historical Society, DCR and Wachusett Greenways.

Jim preparing our Mission Statement (which is coming along nicely) for possible inclusion in an OSIC brochure or possibly in a separate brochure

Rob showed members finished T-shirts (Need to find Storage).

Board wanted to thank Diane Pedersen for her Art Work used on the T-shirts and to be used on trail markings.

Rob talked briefly about the Winter Farmers Market. there are 5 or 6 booths; Wine, Goat sops, meat produce, knitted items (scarves, hats, etc.) and prepared Meals by Meadowbrook to take home, Nicely done.

Discussion of Trails/OSIC Brochures, inclusive of what can and cannot be done on these Trails.

Members in agreement-Brochures should give adequate acknowledgement to all committee and organizations that contribute to OSIC in kind.

NEW BUSINESS: Land Trust Coalition will be having a conference March 21, 2015 at the Worcester Technical High School.

Next Meeting March 11, 2015 7P

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Protano

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Secretary