

OSIC Meeting Minutes for WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2015, Meeting start: 7:13 PM with Quorum Peder Pedersen, Jim Wilkinson, Erin MacNeal Rehrig and Rob Protano. Guest: Brian Cline
Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

1. We accepted the agenda for April 15, 2015.
2. A motion to approve the March 11, 2015 minutes was made by Jim and seconded by Peder with one modification (correction to misspelled name in item 3).
3. Erin Rehrig served as note taker for the evening.
4. Status of permission request to Town of Clinton, Fisheries and Wildlife (Peder). Peder had a conversation with Michael Ward who was waiting to get permission from the Clinton Board of Selectmen. We are awaiting that decision.
5. Memorandum of agreement from DCR- John Scannell got back to us about our concerns. 1. First, we waiting to see if the language regarding the indemnification of the town from liability makes it into the MOA. 2. We are able to renew in 5 years. This clause is written in the MOA because of state property laws. 3. We had concerns that the language in the MOA was onerous. John Scannell is willing to explain this to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Stillwater Basin Trail.
6. Selection of kiosk (or tent) and table to be purchased; storage options (Marion). This agenda item was tabled again (no pun intended) until the next meeting when Marion was present.
7. Updates to OSIC flyer (Jim)- This is still a work in progress. Jim will bring a second draft to the May meeting.
8. Recruitment of volunteers for trail work - We may advertise in the meetinghouse news and other venues to attract volunteers for Wekepeke and Stillwater Basin trails. The committee agreed that as members, we can probably to a lot of the work ourselves.
9. Edits to Stillwater Basin Trail Brochure – Peder presented this to us and it is looking very good. Erin volunteered to look over this while hiking/running the trail and offer suggestions and improvements. This will be done in one large edit to be presented this summer.
10. Strategy for getting permission from landowners on Hardscrabble Rd. Permission is needed from 3 landowners on Hardscrabble Rd. We decided that it was time to get this done and we need to move quickly. We were going to talk to Mike Pineo for advice on getting buy-in from the landowners. Brian mentioned that much of the MRTC trail maps are non-represented and may not have all landowner permissions/blessings.
11. Participation in MA Open Space Conference on May 9. Peder and Jim tentatively planned to attend this. There were several relevant topics on the agenda. They can discuss what they learned at our next meeting.

12. New business:

- We agreed that OSIC should have its own email address. Peder was going to check into this for us.

- Mudgett Orchard Plans- Brian Cline discussed potential plans for a walking trail around Mudgett Orchards off of Swett Hill Rd. Erin and Brian are to walk the perimeter of the orchards and brainstorm ideas for getting rid of the poison ivy.

13. Next meeting date is May 20, 2015

14. Adjourned at 9:04