

OSIC Meeting Minutes for WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2015, Meeting start: 7:12 PM with Quorum  
Peder Pedersen, Jim Wilkinson, Erin MacNeal Rehrig and Rob Protano, and Marion Larson  
Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

1. We accepted the agenda for May 20, 2015.
2. A motion to approve the April 15, 2015 minutes was made by Marion and seconded by Jim with one modification (comment regarding Sue Valentine in item 10 was stricken from record).
3. Erin Rehrig served as note taker for the evening.
4. Summary of Open Space Conference on May 9 in Ashburnham- Jim and Peder attended this event on our behalf. Peder's main take-away message was that we need to establish communication with town committees and get support from the community for future work and events. We can use the town on Norwell as a model for this. They have an excellent plan that can be found at [http://www.townofnorwell.net/Public\\_Documents/NorwellMA\\_Conservation/NOSRCLink/NorwellOpenSpaceRecreationPlan2012-2019.pdf](http://www.townofnorwell.net/Public_Documents/NorwellMA_Conservation/NOSRCLink/NorwellOpenSpaceRecreationPlan2012-2019.pdf)
5. Status of permission request to Town of Clinton, Fisheries and Wildlife (Peder)- We have a letter from Clinton (signed by David Aargent) that allows both the Heywood Reservoir Trail (Hapgood Rd.) and The Lynde Basins trails be publically recognized trails for recreational use and that Clinton is absolved of liabilities. Furthermore, the names of the trails need to stay as written, otherwise we have to submit approval for name change through the town of Clinton.
6. Memorandum of agreement from DCR- We are reaching an agreement on the MOA. The Board of Selectmen will be working with and talking to John Scannell soon to iron out all issues
7. Selection of kiosk (or tent) and table to be purchased; storage options (Marion)- Rob made a motion that we use \$600 to buy supplies for the farmer's market. Marion seconded the motion. Peder was going to go to the market to scout out some tents and then order one on-line. We will also be reaching out to the Sterling Historical Society, DCR, Sterling Land Trust, and East Waushacum Lake Assoc. about literature.
8. Updates to OSIC flyer (Jim)- This is still a work in progress and can now include 5 trails. We discussed having a OSIC email so that we can email this out and we also need to update our website to correspond with our new flyer and recent trail approvals.
9. Recruitment of volunteers for trail work - We will be meet on Saturday, June 6 as a committee to do some minor clearing and cleanup on Hapgood Rd. (Heywood Reservoir Trail). We did not think we needed additional volunteers at this time. Peder and Erin were going to bring their own chain saws and others would bring supplies (cutters, trimmers, etc).
10. Edits to Stillwater Basin Trail Brochure – We did not discuss this as this will be reviewed by Erin over the summer.

11. Strategy for getting permission from landowners on Hardscrabble Rd.- Peder drafted a letter to send to the last 3 landowners. We can discuss this more at our June meeting.
12. There were no new business items discussed.
13. Next meeting date is Wed. June 17 at 7 PM.
14. Erin left at 8:45pm, meeting adjourned shortly afterward.