

OSIC MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015, 7:00 PM

Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

Present: Erin Rehrig, Peder Pedersen, Rob Protano, Jim Wilkinson, Marion Larson (arrived 8:00)

1. Acceptance of agenda for October 21, 2015 – motion was made by Jim, seconded by Rob
2. Approval of September 16, 2015 minutes – Minutes for Sept. meeting were approved with one correction to the spelling of Pedersen.
3. Note taker for the evening - Erin Rehrig agreed to take minutes
4. DCR Memorandum of Agreement update- This is moving back and forth with DCR Lawyers, however, process is being made. An agreement was reached between the town of Sudbury, MA and DCR. Peder will try to get a copy of this document to figure out how both parties finally came to an agreement.
5. Next trail clearing or trail blazing event; recruitment of volunteers – We will meet on Nov. 14 at 9:00 at the Butterick Bldg. to continue scouting the Butterick Nature trail (developed by William Holmes's son) and blaze a spur to the Town Pound. We will try to speak to this former eagle scout about where the trail went. The BOS is concerned about pesticide use on any new trails. Also, Bill Tuttle from the Sterling DPW is going to fix the sign and clean the steps behind Butterick leading up to the trail.
6. Letter to BOS re staggered 3 year term OSIC appointments – We were on the agenda for the BOS for this evening. Peder left the meeting momentarily to appear in front of the selectmen. The board agreed on our 3-year staggered term rotations.
7. Permissions from Brian Orr and Sholan Farms- Peder emailed Joanne DiNardo from Sholan Farms regarding permission for printing brochures of the Heywood Reservoir Trail that would be coming onto their property to avoid a dangerous part of the Sterling Trail. Joanne said she would pass along the message to the Friends of Sholan Farms.
8. Next trails to prepare maps and brochures for – update- See minutes item 5. There was an update about the Stillwater Interpretive Trail, which is being logged and will be off our agenda for the next 3 years. Also, we discussed including the Sterling Rail Trail among the Sterling Trails, including a spur off of the Sterling Rail Trail near the bridge between East Wachacum Lake and the Quag. This is part of MCRT and we would need permission from Colleen Abrams as well as the BOS. However, if permission is granted, this is a very interesting area with a rich history as a fairground and railroad stop.
9. Planning updates to Open Space Plan – This was tabled until a future meeting.
10. New business – There was no new business to discuss
11. Next meeting date – We agreed to meet on Wed. Nov. 11, 2105
12. The meeting adjourned at 8:45