

OSIC MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, December 16, 2015, 7:00 PM

Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

Present: Erin Rehrig, Peder Pedersen, Rob Protano, Jim Wilkinson

1. Acceptance of agenda for Dec. 16, 2015 – motion was made by Erin, seconded by Jim
2. Approval of October 16, 2015 minutes – Accepted with minor amendments. Motion by Peder, second by Jim
3. Note taker for the evening - Erin Rehrig agreed to take minutes
4. DCR Memorandum of Agreement update- Peder has been in contact with John Scannell, who told him that the MOA is under review. Peder inquired about a timeline, but currently there is nothing to report.
5. Design and Construction of a kiosk.- Rob's neighbor, Chris Teterault is a carpenter and has agreed to help build a wooden kiosk on the morning of Saturday, January 9 from 9:30 am until around 1:30 pm. All members of the OSIC committee are encouraged to attend in lieu of trail clearing for the month of January. If this is successful, the goal would be to have 2 kiosks built by spring.
6. Sterling Town Pound location- Members of the committee scouring the Butterick Nature Trail in December were made aware of the location of the Sterling Town Pound on Meetinghouse Hill Rd. The nature trail will have a spur from it that leads up to the enclosed pound. The steps leading up to the trail need to be cleaned off and we may have to contact DPW. The committee also discussed having a plaque or information in the brochure regarding the history of the Town Pound. Erin agreed to visit the Sterling Historical Society over the Christmas holiday to do some research.
7. Update regarding permissions to Sholan Farms- We have the blessing from Joann DiNardo and the Friends of the Sholan Farms to use their trail instead of dangerous parts of the Heywood Reservoir Trail.
9. Planning updates to Open Space Plan – Marion was to let us know what we can reuse from our 2010 Open Space Plan, including descriptions, population numbers, etc. We would want to add possible trails to this new plan. This should be an agenda item for January.
10. New business – We would like to have a trails link on our website, but this may have to wait until the trails are developed. Also, we discussed that the Farmer's Market in the Sterling Church needs to be better advertised, possibly with more permanent signs.
11. Next meeting date – We agreed to meet on Wed. January 20, 2016.
12. The meeting adjourned at 8:00