

## **OSIC Meeting Minutes-- WEDNESDAY, June 08, 2016, 7:05 PM**

Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

In attendance: Peder Pedersen, Jim Wilkinson, Rob Protano, Marion Larson, Erin Rehrig

1. Acceptance of agenda for June 08, 2016, Peder motioned, Rob Seconded the motion.
2. Approval of May 11, 2016 minutes- Minor errors were found in the minutes, which will be corrected by Peder. Rob made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Marion seconded.
3. Note taker for the evening – Erin Rehrig volunteered to take minutes.
4. Further feedback from Sen. Jennifer Flanagan's office- Peder has had email correspondence with Annie Reiser, who is the Communications Directors for Senator Flanagan. We are waiting to hear back about any developments. Peder is going to contact Rep. Harold Naughton and Rep. Ferguson as well, but indicate that we have already been in contact with Senator Flanagan's Office.
5. Evaluation of MRPC cost- Marion has been trying to contact some other open space members from other towns for more information about depth and detail of their open space plans in relation to ours.
6. Discussion of quote from Amanda- The first draft estimated that the update would not exceed \$6625. This does not seem unreasonable. We may be able to a few of the tasks ourselves to save some additional funds. Quote did not include postage or travel time, which will need to be addressed. This will then create an open space plan for the next 7 years. Peder will confirm with Amanda that this amount will result in a completed plan, what travel costs may be and what would the cost be to just to sections 3 and 5. Rob suggested that we go to Mike Szlosek and gauge whether it would be possible to have funds set aside for us for this project. Marion will find out in the next 2 weeks what having this open space plan does for our town (in terms of getting grants, access to funds, etc.) in order to justify the cost.
7. Flora/fauna updates to draft brochure for Butterick Trail- Marion updated Peder with the information about the Butterick Trail. The DPW came and sprayed the poison ivy with herbicide and according to Rob Protano, the town pound was also cleaned out. Marion suggested putting the town logo on the front. We will print them out in nice glossy paper and leave them near the kiosk. Erin will contact the Town Clerk and gauge interested in having a hosted Nature Walk sometime in June. Currently we can advertise Hardscrabble, Lynde Basins, Heywood, Butterick, and the Rail Trail on the web.
8. Installation of trail kiosk at trailhead for the Heywood Reservoir Trail- Rob spoke with Bill Tuttle about putting in the new kiosk. Chris T. will not be back in town until the June 20. Marion was going to talk with DWF about taking down the old sign on the Lynde Basins trail.
9. Recruitment of volunteers for Lynde Basins or Hardscrabble trail clearing event on June 22- We will meet at Meola's at 4 PM. Marion will put something in the Landmark asking for volunteers (bring gloves, repellent, water, and hand trimmers).

10. Scheduling of trail clearing events, July and August – We will table this until our next meeting.
11. Presence at Farmers' Market for summer 2016 – We will try to be there every other Friday and have others join us. Each of us volunteered for some days to be at the table at the farmer's market.
12. New business- Peder spoke with Jeff Keay who volunteered for a trail clearing with us. He has indicated that he would be interested in joining OSIC. We unanimously voted to accept a new member. Peder got an email from Sue Valentine about writing a letter of support for installing an irrigation system in the Little League Field. We would like to see a draft/proposal and the deadline for the project first.
13. Next meeting date – July 20, 2016. We will meet at 5:30 and walk the Butterick Trail first.
14. Adjourn- 8:42 PM. Erin made a motion to adjourn, Jim seconded.