

OSIC MEETING MINUTES –

WEDNESDAY, August 17, 2016, 7:00 PM

Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

Present: Peder Pedersen, Jeff Keay, Marion Larson, Jim Wilkinson, Rob Protano

Meeting began at 7:09 PM

1. Acceptance of agenda for August 17, 2016
2. Approval of June 08, 2016 minutes – M. Larson moved to approve June 8, 2016 meeting minutes, J. Wilkinson seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.
3. Note taker for the evening – M. Larson volunteered.
4. Welcome to new board member Jeff Keay –Jeff's email is jkeay23@gmail.com
5. Finance situation for Open Space Plan update-P. Pedersen met with Town Administrator Szlozcek to discuss financial options. There will be no Special Town Meeting this fall, so that opportunity is not there. There is no money available at this time.
6. Little League support letter sent for grant application. M. Larson had a conversation with K. Dietl at Recreation Department to talk about the need for updates to the Open Space plan. She was unaware of the potential for grant applications with an approved plan. Mentioned one big need is athletic fields—they are being worn due to so much use, there is little opportunity for "resting" the fields.
7. New approach to recruitment of trail clearing volunteers—P. Pedersen mentioned recruiting through hiking friends and colleagues.
8. Updates re Farmers' Market Info tent—Took it down early last week due to lack of people. Articles in both the Landmark and Meetinghouse News were very favorable.
9. Updates from Sen. Jennifer Flanagan's office—P. Pedersen reports that the legislative aide said she is still working on this, nothing new to report.
10. Review of trail kiosk installation at trailhead for the Heywood Reservoir Trail on 7/23—After discussion on this second kiosk and concerns about MassWildlife, P. Pedersen proposed inviting a MassWildlife staff person to discuss this at the next meeting.
11. Printing cost of trail brochures—This appears to be within the budget, with WPI providing competitive prices.
12. Feedback re trail display at the kiosk at the Heywood Reservoir Trail
13. New business—There may be a new Sterling website which may make it easier to post information. P. Pedersen met with Mike Ward of Clinton about the trail activities and sign on Wekepeke. M Larson has found the key to the file cabinet. Question about the beaver issue up at the Gaylord property. Need to paint the new kiosk—agreed that those who could do this will meet at 8 AM on Saturday, August 20.
14. Next meeting date – September 21, 2016
15. Adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Submitted by Marion Larson