

**Open Space Implementation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes for NOVEMBER 16, 2016, 7:00 PM**  
**Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201**

In Attendance: Peder Pedersen, Jim Wilkinson, Marion Larson, Jeff Keay, Guest Cathy Harragian, Sterling Historical Commission

Meeting began at 7:05 PM

- Motion made by J Wilkinson to accept agenda; seconded by P Pedersen, unanimously passed
- Motion made by J Wilkinson to approve October 19, 2016 minutes, seconded by P Pedersen, unanimously passed.
- Marion Larson volunteered to take minutes.
- Discussion of budget for Open Space Plan began with M. Larson who went over the Tasks outlined by Amanda Amory who had submitted a budget attached to tasks. Suspended discussion when invited guest arrived. It was noted that Marion Larson had left a phone message with Amanda Amory regarding electronic files from the 2010 update.
- 7:20 -- Cathy Harragian, Sterling Historical Commission --Explained that there is renewed energy with Historical Commission and there is interest in finding common ground. They are working on a signage project, inventory of historic buildings, interest in further preservation of the W. Sterling schoolhouse, maintaining inventory of farmsteads. Explained the Historical Commission is a town commission, the Sterling Historical Society is a private entity. M. Larson explained that with the OSRP (Open Space and Recreation Plan) update, information about any change in status of the historic farmsteads would be needed and useful. Inventory of other property would be in addition. Perhaps an OSIC member could attend a future meeting to discuss other needs and concerns that could be incorporated into the OSRP update.
- Discussion returned to budget for various OSRP tasks. P Pedersen asked M. Larson for a justification document that includes projected budget needs by the next meeting.
- Preparation of time line of events for Open Space Plan revision; P. Pedersen did not have this done but will include an agenda item on planning the Public Participation portion of the OSRP Update in December.
- Redesign and content development of 'back of kiosk' poster; M. Larson provided a sample of images that could be used on the kiosk and has also spoken with a Sterling nature photographer who has indicated interest in providing images. Images included both plant and animal life which members indicated approval of this idea. M. Larson will provide additional images at the December meeting for the committee to pick and will write descriptions of the "finalists".
- Updates from Sen. Jennifer Flanagan's office re DCR--despite several reminder emails to Mike Harris, P. Pedersen has not gotten any responses.
- Trail clearing events for fall 2016 -- several people showed up to the trail clearing at Stillwater Basin (almost complete) and Lynde Basin (completed)
- Input re kiosk from Michael Ward, Clinton--An email from Clinton Town Administrator provided permission to remove old kiosk and install new one. This may not happen until spring, given the current temperatures. P. Pedersen will consult with Rob Protano.
- New business --No new business.
- Next meeting date: December 14, 2016 7 PM
- Meeting Adjourned 8:25 PM

Submitted by Marion E. Larson