

Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

In attendance: Peder Pedersen, Rob Protano, Jim Wilkinson, Marion Larson, Jeff Keay,
and Chuck Plaisted

Guest: Jim French

Meeting called to order: 7:00

1. R. Protano moved to accept the agenda for August 22, 2018. J. Wilkinson 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
3. P. Pederson moved to accept the amended minutes of the July 23, 2018 meeting. R. Protano 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.
4. M. Larson informed the committee on her July 27, 2018 conversation with Judi Barrett concerning questions to ask, goals to strive for, and progress on the Open Space and Recreation Plan, including:
 - Question: What should be kept and what should be deleted from and added to the plan.
 - Goal: Increasing interdepartmental communication and collaboration.
 - Progress: Completed draft of Section 3.
Estimated date for completion of Section 4 is the end of August.
5. Discussion of Section 5 of OSRP (Inventory of Lands and Conservation Interests)
 - Discussion of “general mapping” as opposed to “parcel mapping”.
 - J. Barrett asked OSIC to provide the following:
 - Any new open space land acquisition.
 - M. Larson will research this for our October meeting.
 - Maps
 - M. Larson has been in touch with MRPC regarding GIS maps that are presently available. She will also check with town boards to explore what mapping they might have.
 - Number of additional subdivisions in town constructed since 2011.
 - R. Protano will research the number of subdivisions that have been completed and those that are now being planned, since the last OSRP.
6. Section 3 of OSRP (Community Setting)
 - J. Barrett provided the committee with a draft version of section 3 that is significantly shorter than in the previous OSRP, per request of committee members.
 - Much of the introductory historical information has been left out.

7. Public Hikes

- Planned several public hikes on Sterling Trails for September and October.
- M. Larson will write up the hikes to use as a handout at the Sterling Fair.

8. Sterling Fair

- OSIC will share a booth at the fair with the Sterling Land Trust
- P. Pedersen will draft a series of “talking points” for us to share with visitors to our booth.
- M. Larson will provide us with the schedule of who is covering the booth.

8a. Jim French shared with us priorities and projects being pursued by the Sterling Land Trust.

9. New Business

- M. Larson discussed what is happening with the town’s Master Plan effort.
 - Noted that meetings are posted on the town website and for us to be aware of any “open space” discussions. Also noted that the Town Manager has a schedule of planned meetings.
- C. Plaisted informed us of the efforts underway to look at funding for major renovations of the tennis courts at West Sterling Park.

10. Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 19.

11. Adjourn: 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay