

Meeting Minutes
Open Space Implementation Committee
13 February 2019

Those Present: Peder Pedersen (PP), Jim Wilkinson (JW), Marion Larson (ML), Jeff Keay (JK), Chuck Plaisted (CP)

1. **Meeting agenda acceptance:** motion made by PP seconded by CP. Motion to accept agenda passed.
2. CP volunteered to take the meeting minutes.
3. **Motion to approve Meeting Minutes of 9 January 2019** with spelling change of Mudgett instead of Muggett was made by ML and 2nd by PP. Motion passed.
4. **Finalizing goals for the the updated Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP).**
 1. No changes or additions were offered to ML based on the draft.
 2. New Goals, Objectives and Action Items were presented verbally. ML to distribute the actual wording electronically (the tweaked version).
 3. ML is working on Section 5.
 4. PP has had difficulties contacting Judi Barrett. He has made three attempts beginning the first week in January with no success.
 5. Judi has not billed for her services.
 6. ML will review the remaining sections that need updates, ask Judi what she can complete, and seek help from OSIC for the chart updates.
 7. PP will write an email to Judi Barrett and give her options that allow OSIC to complete the OSRP update.
5. **ML is working on the map updates.** She is pursuing three sources: Town Assessor's GIS data, Montachusett Regional Planning Commission, and data that Domenica Tatasciore, Sterling Town Planner may have.
6. **Annual Report for 2018.** A draft prepared by PP was presented for discussion. There were a few changes, typos, a missing reference to the Facebook page and the number of guided hikes. The report is due by 1 March 2019.
7. **Consideration of a joint OSIC-ConCom proposal (update)** PP reported on feedback from ConCom via Matt Marro regarding modifications to previous submitted proposals in order for those to form the basis for a future joint OSIC-ConCom proposal. OSIC was satisfied with all clarifications contained in this feedback.
8. **Planning blazing of additional trails.** PP asked CP to take charge of the trail-blazing. Three trails will be blazed: Heywood Reservoir Trail, the return of the Lynde Basin Trail and the Wauschacum Meadows Trail that we recently cleared.
9. **Establishing a planning group for scheduling guided hikes.** PP has appointed JK, PP, CP and Brian Cline to plan and lead public hikes over the next eight months.
10. **Draft brochure for Pine Hill Esker Trail.** PP displayed the latest version of the brochure. PP recorded Jim French talking about the geological features of this area, some of which dialogue has been incorporated into the trail brochure. PP believes that there is barely sufficient parking on the road, but possibly some overflow parking at the Eight Point Sportsman Club which is yet to be determined. Most of the

brochure is complete with the exception of the “Flora and Fauna” section which will be written by Marion Larson.

11. New Business:

1. ML reports that the Massachusetts Council on Aging has grant funding for walking/hiking programs for seniors. She forwarded this info to Veronica Buckley, Director of the Senior Center.
2. **NQTA, Bobby Curley**, President, offer was discussed. It was noted that this trail association has a history with Mass Wildlife. PP has declined their offer of help because OSIC has a full agenda.
3. **Tennis and Basketball Court Reconstruction Project** was presented to OSIC by CP. CP made a motion to support the project seconded by PP. The motion was passed. PP will write a letter of support.
4. OSIC's next meeting date is set for **13 March 2019 at 7 PM**.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Plaisted