

OSIC Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2021 7:00 PM

In attendance: Peder Pedersen, Jeff Keay, Chuck Plaisted, Paul Lekberg, Jim Wilkinson, Rob Protano

Meeting called to order: 7:04pm.

1. C. Plaisted started the meeting by asking if anyone was recording the meeting. All members replied in the negative.
2. J. Wilkinson moved to accept the agenda for July 14, 2021. Motion 2nd by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. P. Pedersen moved to accept the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting as amended. Motion 2nd by J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.
5. Peg's Pond Trail Progress
 - J. Keay reported that the recent rainstorm had eroded and undermined portions of the stone dust recently laid down on the trail. C. Plaisted reported that he met with J. Nutting and his crew chief at the trail to observe the damage.
 - Determined that the erosion was caused by water that was streaming from the school parking lot. Discussed eventual need for a retention basin and side drainage pipe to alleviate the problem.
 - Committee agreed to use hay bales on the side of the trail as a way to temporarily reduce any further erosion.
 - Action:** C Plaisted will notify J. Nutting about our plan to use hay bales.
 - Action:** P. Lekberg will look in to getting the needed hay bales from D. Murray.
 - C. Plaisted emailed M. Cranson, who is a member of the Building Committee of the Council on Ageing, asking about the possibility of constructing a walkable trail from the senior center parking lot to the trail as part of the Senior Center garage construction.
 - C. Plaisted reported that S. Valentine will be asking the Conservation Commission for \$5,000 to work on the next section of the trail: the bricked walkway.
 - Discussion of the scope of work that needs to be done.
 - Action:** J. Keay will be submitting an article about the trail to the Sterling Meetinghouse News and the Landmark to promote awareness of the project.
6. Trail Maintenance Progress
 - P. Pedersen and P. Lekberg reported that they had weed-wacked a path through the field on the Pine Hill Esker Trail, as well as cut branches covering the trail. They did not have the time to deal with a massive deadfall on the trail.
 - Action:** P. Pedersen, P. Lekberg, and J. Keay will arrange a time to clear the deadfall.
 - Discussion about the possibility of purchasing additional trail clearing equipment.

Action: P. Pedersen will contact R. Gardner of the Princeton Open Space Committee to get ideas for accomplishing trail maintenance.

7. Alternate Trail Proposal for the Allenwood Trail

- P. Pedersen reported walking and mapping a proposed reroute for the Lynde Basin, and Allenwood Trails, to avoid crossing the majority of land on Maple Brook Farm property.

Action: C. Plaisted will contact H. Miller to see if reroute allays her concerns.

8. New Business

- Discussion of best use of Stillwater Basin Trail kiosk.
- Discussion concerning possible funding of Peg's Pond Trail by the Conservation Commission.
- Suggested use of Action Item designations within the OSIC meeting minutes.

9. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:00pm.

10. Adjournment: J. Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Motion 2nd by P. Lekberg and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay