

OSIC Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2021 7:00 PM

In attendance: Peder Pedersen, Jeff Keay, Chuck Plaisted, Paul Lekberg, Jim Wilkinson, Rob Protano, Sue Valentine (Conservation Commission Liaison)

Meeting called to order: 7:01pm.

1. C. Plaisted started the meeting by asking if anyone was recording the meeting. All members replied in the negative.
2. R. Protano moved to accept the agenda for August 18, 2021. Motion 2nd by J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. R. Protano moved to accept the minutes of the July 14, 2021 meeting as written. Motion 2nd by J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.
5. Peg's Pond Trail Progress
 - C. Plaisted reported on efforts to deal with erosion on the trail.
Noted that we have installed hay bales to temporarily slow down the erosion.
Discussed idea of using "diverters" as a more permanent solution.
Was noted that there are issues with water runoff from the school and senior center parking lots.
Action: C. Plaisted will check with our town planner about the availability of state water mitigation funds.
Action: C. Plaisted and J. Keay will meet and assess the damage to the trail on August 19 at 9:00am.
 - C. Plaisted met with the Conservation Commission to discuss possible funding for upgrading the trail to ADA compliance on the now bricked portion of the trail.
S. Valentine reported that the commission members are open to funding but need details about the work to be done and the amount of funding needed.
Action: C. Plaisted will check with contractors to get estimated costs.
Discussion of the removal of bricks and the construction of a wall to display the "memorial bricks" acknowledging the original donors to the park.
 - **Action:** J. Keay will look into applying for a Municipal ADA Improvement Grant.
6. Trail Maintenance Progress
 - P. Lekberg reported that he has cleared the deadfalls on the Pine Hill Esker Trail. The trail is now ready for hiking.
 - J. Keay reported a on a large deadfall on the Heywood Reservoir Trail and P. Pedersen reported on the need for clearing parts of the Waushacum Overlook Trail. Work will be scheduled when work crews can be formed.
 - P. Pedersen suggested the development of a Facebook page for hikers to report trail conditions.

7. Alternate Trail Proposal for the Allenwood Trail
 - Discussion on best use of signage to redirect hikers to the rerouted trail.
 - P. Pedersen reported on efforts to reroute the Stillwater Basin Trail. Noted that he and J. Keay were able to clear about 2/3rds of the rerouted trail.
8. Participation at the Sterling Fair
 - C. Plaisted reported that he sent in a check for \$110 to reserve a spot on the fairgrounds.
We will be sharing a booth with the Sterling Land Trust.
He will be compiling a list of members to oversee the booth.
9. Celebrity Servers at the Pancake Breakfast on 27 August
 - J. Keay, P. Pedersen, and C. Plaisted will be “celebrity servers” at the Senior Center’s Pancake Breakfast on Friday, August 27. They will promote awareness of local trails, and the construction of Peg’s Pond Trail.
10. New Business
 - There was no new business.
11. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:00pm.
12. Adjournment: C. Plaisted moved to adjourn. Motion 2nd by R. Protano and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay