

## OSIC Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2021 7:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order: 7:07pm.

1. C. Plaisted started the meeting by asking if anyone was recording the meeting. All members replied in the negative.
2. C. Plaisted moved to accept the agenda for September 22, 2021. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Protano and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. C. Plaisted moved to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting as written. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.
5. Peg's Pond Trail Progress
  - C. Plaisted met with town planner D. Tatasciore to ask if state water mitigation funds would be available for dealing with erosion issues on Peg's Pond Trail. Was told they are not available, but let us know that OSIC has a budget surplus of over \$6,000 that we can use for our projects and expenses.
  - C. Plaisted also met with DPW Superintendent J. Nutting and an engineer from Grace Engineering for a site visit of the trail. Found that significant water runoff came from the school parking lot and the middle school roof. Suggested the construction of swales above the tree-line and just above the trail. Design services from Grace Engineering will need to be paid for, but J. Nutting feels that the DPW can construct the swales. Discussion of how much money we should pay for the design services.
  - Discussed the need to remove bricks from the trail to regrade that section to ADA standards, improve drainage, and prepare for stone dust top-course. C. Plaisted had a preliminary discussion with J. Bump of Geneva Paving about construction on that section. C. Plaisted also discussed removal of the bricks with the Board of Selectman. Informed that the bricks are considered "surplus property" which would allow for M. Packard of Sterling Greenery to remove the bricks.
  - J. Keay reported he is currently working on the following grant proposals: Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act Program, and Community Change Grant. Also discussed were other ideas for funding.
6. Trail Maintenance Progress
  - P. Lekberg reported the following issues on the Lynde Basin Trail:
    - undergrowth and trash at the trailhead.
      - Discussed posting sign "carry in, carry out" to help deal with trash.
    - flooding near the canal. This has made passage impossible at that section. Suspects flooding is caused by a beaver dam. Discussed possible ways of dealing with the problem.
  - **Action:** C. Plaisted will contact E. Rehrig about creating a Facebook page where hikers can report needed trail maintenance.

7. Sterling Fair Cancellation

- C. Plaisted reported that he returned our fair materials to the old town hall, and he received the money we had sent to the fair organizers to reserve a space at the fair.

8. Budget Surplus

- Discussed best uses for the surplus and our budgeted amount including:
  - work on the Peg's Pond Trail.
  - building a bridge over the stream below Heywood Reservoir.
    - Discussed possibility of work being done as an Eagle Scout project.
  - installing kiosks for the Hardscrabble Trail and the Peg's Pond Trail.
- R. Protano noted that the monies budgeted for picnic tables at Sholan Park may not be necessary as new picnic tables have already been installed.
- When we reach a decision, C. Plaisted will let K. Hebert, Town Administrator, know how we plan on spending the funds.

9. New Business

- J. Keay reported on efforts to reroute the Stillwater Basin Trail.
  - Have begun initial clearing, and feels new route should be completed in October.
  - Discussion of best way to move kiosk to the new trailhead.
- **Action:** C. Plaisted will design and construct new trail signs for the reroute of the Allenwood Trail.
- R. Protano noted that our volunteering as "celebrity servers" at the senior center, to promote awareness of the Peg's Pond Trail construction, was well received and appreciated.
- **Action:** J. Keay and C. Plaisted will arrange to meet and remove hay bales from the Peg's Pond Trail.

10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7:00pm.

11. Adjournment: C. Plaisted moved to adjourn. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay