

## OSIC Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2021 7:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order: 7:02pm.

1. C. Plaisted started the meeting by asking if anyone was recording the meeting. All members replied in the negative.
2. P. Pedersen moved to accept the agenda for November 17, 2021. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Protano and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. R. Protano moved to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2021 meeting as written. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.
5. Mass Trails Grants for Peg's Pond Trail and work on access road to the Cider Mill parking area
  - J. Keay reported that the Mass Trails Grants were all reimbursable grants, meaning we could only apply for the grants if the trail projects were completed and paid for. The amount reimbursed varied from 60% to 80%. He will attend a webinar for more complete information.
  - C. Plaisted brought up the issue of parking for the Central Mass Rail Trail trailhead next to the Cider Mill complex. Talked with C. Abrams of Wachusett Greenways who explained that there was a right of way to the trailhead parking. It was noted during discussion that adequate parking appears to be available, the only issue being the need to grade the easement to the parking area.
6. Report on Meeting with Clinton DPW superintendent
  - P. Pedersen met with Clinton DPW superintendent C. McGown and Town Manager M. Ward at the Lynde Basin Trail to survey the trail flooding. Reported that the flooding is extensive and severely impacts the trail.
  - Committee agreed that the next step is to locate and identify the sources of the flooding.
7. Sterling Trails Facebook Page
  - Discussed the importance of continually updating our Facebook page.
8. Report on Allenwood Trail Re-route
  - C. Plaisted sent a packet of signage ideas for rerouting the Allenwood Trail to the affected landowner. He reported that there has been no response yet.
9. New Business
  - P. Pedersen reported he had found a trail that connects the Hog Hill Trail to North Street in Holden, providing access to the Trout Brook Reservation.
  - R. Protano reported he had received a copy of the town Master Plan. C. Plaisted noted that this is a draft report. He also noted that Goals and Actions are the most important sections to focus on.

- J. Keay reported that the reroute of the Stillwater Basin Trail has been completed with P. Pedersen, and has been flagged. The trailhead will still be off of Griffin Street, so we will be using the existing kiosk. The adjacent landowner has been notified of the reroute.
- R. Protano asked if hay bales had been removed from the Peg's Pond Trail. J. Keay and C. Plaisted reported that they have not, as they fill ruts that have formed on the side of the trail.
- P. Pedersen brought up a discussion of OSIC's purview, if any, regarding earth removal.

10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00pm.

11. Adjournment: J. Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Plaisted and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay