

OSIC Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2022 7:00 PM via Zoom

In attendance: Chuck Plaisted, Jeff Keay, Paul Lekberg, Rob Protano, Jim Wilkinson, 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. J. Wilkinson moved to accept the agenda for March 16, 2022. Motion 2nd by C. Plaisted and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. R. Protano moved to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2022 meeting as written. Motion 2nd by J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.
5. Trail Maintenance Update
 - C. Plaisted reported that there are several deadfalls across the Waushacum Overlook Trail, and that the bridge over the stream has many rotten boards and is not safe to use.
 - S. Valentine said that she will check on the bridge. She also noted that scouts have marked the boundaries of the Conservation Commission property. Also noted that the Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to work on improvements to the trailhead.
 - J. Keay reported that the Stillwater Basin Trail is in good shape.
6. Peg's Pond Trail Progress
 - S. Valentine reported she has been attempting to contact the Director of Vocational Programs at Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical High School concerning help with refurbishing the Sterling Greenery Community Park.
 - J. Keay reported that he has completed and submitted the application form for the AARP Community Challenge Grant. We will know if it has been accepted by Mid-May. He also noted that the application period for the 2023 Massachusetts PARC grant has opened, and he has begun to research the application process. The award date for the grant is November, 2022.
7. Allenwood Trail re-route
 - C. Plaisted reported that he has had a response from the affected landowner, but there was no comment about the proposed rerouting of the trail. OSIC will endeavor to make further contact to make sure the reroute is satisfactory.
8. New Business
 - Read through and discussed the new by-law proposals concerning earth removal restrictions. Also discussed what the involvement of OSIC should be.
9. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:00pm.

10. Adjournment: J. Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Motion 2nd by R. Protano and carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay