

## OSIC Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2022 7:00 PM

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

Guest: Sue Aldrich

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 April 13, 2022. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Lekberg and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. J. Wilkinson moved to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting as written. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Lekberg and carried unanimously.
5. Trail Maintenance Update
  - P. Pedersen led a discussion of needed trail maintenance. Projects needing to be done include: summer cutting of high grasses on the Pine Hill Trail, cleaning up steps on the Butterick Trail, repairing the bridge and mowing the Mudgett Orchard on the Waushacum Overlook Trail, and removing trash from the Lynde Basin Trailhead. After lumbering is completed the Lynde Basin and Allenwood Trails need to be rerouted around flooding due to beaver activity.
6. Peg's Pond Trail Progress
  - C. Plaisted reported that our capital request for \$55,823 has been approved by the Capital Budget Committee, and will be included on the warrant for the upcoming town meeting. He noted that possible additional funding for Sterling Greenery Community Park improvements will be through memorial funds and in-kind donations.
7. Discussion of Citizens Petition for changes to the Earth Removal By-Law
  - S. Aldrich reviewed the citizen petitions for changes to the town's Protective Bylaw and Earth Removal Bylaw. She explained that the intent of the bylaw changes was to bring the Zoning Board of Appeals back into the approval process for earth removal requests, while amending them in a way to lessen the amount of earth removal requests that would be necessary. Her presentation was followed by discussion of the proposal by the committee, focusing on environmental concerns.
  - J. Wilkinson moved that the committee support approval of the proposed changes to Section 2.3.1 of the Protective Bylaw and Article 47, Chapter 63-4 of the Earth Removal Bylaw. Motion seconded by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.
  - C. Plaisted will report our support at the town meeting.
8. Discussion of completed Sterling Master Plan
  - C. Plaisted reported that the draft of the Sterling Master Plan has been completed, and has been posted on the town website. The plan now awaits final approval by the Planning Board.

9. New Business

- Discussed personnel question.

10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7:00pm.

11. Adjournment: J. Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay