

OSIC Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2022 7:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order: 7:14pm.

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 June 15, 2022. Motion 2nd by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. J. Wilkinson moved to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2022 meeting as written. Motion 2nd by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.
5. Trail Maintenance Update
 - C. Plaisted noted a discussion with S. Valentine. She reported that improvements to Tara Lane trailhead for the Waushacum Overlook Trail have been completed by a landscape firm and volunteers. She also will inquire with the Conservation Committee to see if a portion of their funds can be used to contract a landscaper to mow a path around the Mudgett Orchard.
 - P. Pedersen reported that the Heywood Reservoir Trail is in good shape.
 - P. Lekberg noted that there is only a small amount of trash at the Lynde Basins trailhead.
 - J. Keay will work on a “Carry In, Carry Out” sign for the trailhead kiosk.
6. Report on the trail damage at the Clinton Waterworks property
 - P. Lekberg reported that the logging at Lynde Basins has been completed. Noted that most of the trails are in fairly good shape, but there is skid row damage on a portion of the trails.
 - P. Pedersen will contact Clinton officials to see if they will be pursuing further cleanup efforts.
 - Discussed possible reroutes around flooding caused by beaver dams.
7. Peg’s Pond Trail Progress
 - C. Plaisted has consulted with DPW Superintendent R. Mouradian, and Town Administrator W. Caldwell concerning the Peg’s Pond project. He noted that both have been very helpful.
 - The DPW is measuring the pitch of the current walkway to determine ways for the future trail to comply with ADA standards.
 - The Town Administrator’s office will solicit bids for the project.
 - C. Plaisted also reported that if we keep the project cost below \$50,000 it is only necessary to issue requests for three bids. Monies for the project will be available as of July 1.
 - It was noted that a dry well was installed at the base of the driveway from the school parking lot to the Senior Center.

8. Next steps to realize the Master Plan

- Goal 4, Action Item 1 – Plan for interconnecting trails within town and with neighboring communities.
 - P. Pedersen will contact R. Gardner of Princeton Trails to look at possibilities for connecting with the Princeton trails.
- Goal 4, Action Item 2 – Maintenance Plan for existing Sterling Trails
 - Discussed creating a list of needed maintenance as well as improvements. Improvements to include upgrades to the Still Water Basin Trail reroute, and a reroute of the Lynde Basins Trail to circumvent the flooded area caused by beaver activity.
- Goal 4, Action Item 3 – Updating the Sterling Trails website with current information.
 - C. Plaisted will work on this

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7:00pm.

11. Adjournment: J. Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Motion 2nd by P. Lekberg and carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay