

OSIC Meeting Minutes for WEDNESDAY, June 15, 2015, Meeting start: 7:05 PM with Quorum
Peder Pedersen, Jim Wilkinson, Erin MacNeal Rehrig and Rob Protano, and Marion Larson
Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

1. We accepted the agenda for June 15, 2015.
2. A motion to approve the May 20, 2015 minutes was made with a correction to item 6 (misspelling on John Scannell's name and Waushacum).
3. Erin Rehrig served as note taker for the evening.
4. DCR Memorandum - We've reached an agreement on the MOA. The town of Sterling will not vote or approve anything until the beginning of the next fiscal year on 7/1 but no problems are foreseen, as described in an email Peder got from Mike Szlosek.
5. Meeting with Bill Tuttle- Peder and Bill met to discuss making the parking area better on upper North Row for access to the Heywood Reservoir Trail (at Hapgood Rd.). Bill agreed and work may happen over the summer.
6. Peder drafted another letter for landowners on Hardscrabble regarding right of ways. The language is clear and indicates our intent to move forward with the work on Hardscrabble Rd. There was no news after the letter was sent on May 25. We discussed the Right of prescription and that if a trail was traversed for the last 25 years openly, a land own can not suddenly prevent others from hiking on it. Rob is still waiting on the town to reply to hlm as to the status (abandoned/closed) of the road. There may also be space for 5 more parking spots near Gaylord Property. The trail may be called the Gaylord Trail @ Hardscrabble Rd and could be extended by including some trails on the power line.
7. Review of tent and purchases for Farmer's Market: Opening day and staffing- The tent has been purchased and the tables are on backorder. We hope to have info for 4 trails (Hardscrabble, Heywood, Linde Basin, Stillwater) at the market on July 17
8. Storage for tent, tables and chairs – There may be room in the 1835 Bldg. Marion will check on this.
9. Banner for OSIC Information- We agreed that a 6ft. banner would work. Banner should read "Sterling Trails and Open Space" with the Sterling trails logo.
10. Reimbursement and Budget Considerations (Jim)- We have room in the budget to purchase some items for printing for the kiosk.
11. Materials from Sterling Land Trust, Sterling Historical Society, etc. for distribution- We agree that these groups should be contacted along with Wachusett Greenways, DCR, and Sterling Con Com. So all of us can have material at the kiosk since our missions of providing Open Space are shared. We will ask them to send us any flyers or literature they have.
12. Updates to OSIC Flyer (Jim)- He had a good draft for the web but may want to include short bulleted points for the flyer.

13. Design options, cost, and manufacture of trailhead kiosks. – There is an Eagle scout who is willing to make kiosks for the trailheads and Sterling Land Trust. We looked at some examples and agreed that a simple wooden design with a 4" board would work well. We also would like our Sterling Trails logo plaques placed on the kiosks.
14. Next trail clearing will be at 7:00 PM on July 13 at Heywood Reservoir Trail on Upper North Row. We will need another chain saw and plan to pick up trash and place stones across the stream for stepping.
15. Email address for OSIC and updates to website. This has been done and can be found under the Key Contacts links on the OSIC website.
16. Next meeting is Wed. July 22, 2015 at 7 PM.
17. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM