

Sterling Open Space Implementation Committee Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2016
Butterick Building, Park Street, Sterling

Members Present: Peder Pedersen, Jim Wilkinson, Bob Protano, Erin Rehrig

Meeting Began at 7:03PM

Acceptance of Agenda and Minutes: Erin Rehrig made a motion to accept January minutes, Jim seconded. There was a unanimous vote to approve minutes. E. Rehrig took notes.

MOA with DCR Update: We got a letter from John Scannell from DCR denying our request to publicize the Stillwater Basin Trail off of Muddy Pond Rd. Peder wrote a letter of appeal to Jonathon Yeo asking for reconsideration.

2017 Budget – J. Wilkinson reported that our 2016 budget is almost spent after kiosks were built. We got an additional \$1200 from the town. We agreed to compensate Chris Teterault for his time and ask him for an invoice for \$100. For the 2017 budget, we agree to set aside funds for help with writing and researching the Open Space Plan. Last time, the town paid the MRPC (Montachusett Regional Planning Committee) for assistance with the plans. We may be able to use them again for the next round of plan updates. *We also agreed on the following 2017 budget: \$700 for 3 trail kiosks, \$250 for map and brochure printing, \$50 for trail signage and an additional \$500 for assistance with the updates to the Open Space Plan. This is to be submitted by Jim W. within 1-2 weeks.*

OSIC Mission and Charter- Peder sent out copies of our mission and charters. There were no objections by the committee and Peder will send that along to Mike Szlosek, the town Administrator. Peder also suggested that we expand our membership to 7 people.

Revisions to the 2010 Open Space Plan- The committee agreed to table this until Marion was present.

Info on Town Pound and Butterick Trail – No new news to report. Rob Protano may ask Robert Cutler, who has been in town for a long time, for some information regarding the trail. We have a verbal commitment from Con Com to continue work on this trail. Peder is going to draft a letter that we can send out to abutters.

The next trail clearing will be at the Butterick Trail on Saturday, March 26 at 9AM.

Sterling Rail Trail- We have a new map that has been edited by Colleen Abrams of Wachusett Greenways. The brochure is coming along but still needs edits to the flora and fauna sections.

New Business- Rob Protano suggested that we look into getting some grants or a grant writer for some of our OSIC projects. He is going to do some research and report back to us at a later meeting.

Next Meeting Date: March 23 at 7 PM at the Butterick Building.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45PM.