

## OSIC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 - 7:00 PM

### **Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201**

Present: Peder Pedersen, Jeff Keay, Jim Wilkinson, Rob Protano, Erin Rehrig

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM

1. Acceptance of agenda as posted for March 22, 2017.
2. Unanimous approval of February 15, 2017 minutes with edits – P. Pedersen will reissue minutes with edits.
3. Note taker for the evening – J. Keay volunteered.
4. P. Pedersen made some changes to M. Larson's draft of the request for support of the Town Warrant Article for funding the Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). R. Protano noted that there are additional state grants beyond those issued by DCR. The draft was approved with edits.  
Also discussed was the results of our letters of support for projects undertaken by the Conservation Commission and the Recreation Commission. P. Pedersen will check with each commission.
5. It was noted that the requested budget for the OSRP is now on the Town Meeting Warrant. The town meeting will take place on Monday, May 1.
6. P. Pedersen presented his most recent layout for the 'back of kiosk' picture. It included photos of local flora and fauna with information on each. It also included safety, behavior, and contact information. E. Rehrig suggested including a QR Code to allow hikers to have instant access to our online trail maps. The layout was unanimously approved and P. Pedersen will expand its size and we will finalize the layout at our April meeting.
7. P. Pedersen informed the committee of his recent discussions with Mike Harris at the DCR. We now have permission to make our Stillwater Basin Trail map available to the public. We also have permission to do trail clearing. When asked, Mr. Harris indicated that similar permissions should not be a problem for the Hog Hill Trail and the Pine Hill Esker Trail.
8. We will be trail blazing and beginning construction of a kiosk for the Lynde Basin Nature Trail this Saturday.
9. E. Rehrig has been working on ideas for updating and reformatting questions for the Sterling Open Space and Recreation Plan Public Opinion Survey. This included the use of a Likert Scale; combining, eliminating, and adding questions; and making the questionnaire more concise to fit within a flyer. She will be providing a finalized version for our April meeting, and we will plan on having it ready for the May or June issue of Meeting House News.
10. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12.
11. Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeff Keay