

## Open Space and Implementation Committee Meeting (OSIC)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018, 7:00 PM

### Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

Meeting Opened at 7:05 PM -- Members Present--Jeff Keay, Charles Plaisted, Jim Wilkinson, Rob Protano, Peder Pedersen, Erin Rehrig, Marion Larson, Sue Valentine (arrived 7:45)

1. Acceptance of agenda for May 9, 2018
2. Note taker for the evening --Marion Larson
3. M. Larson motioned for approval of April 11, 2018 minutes, seconded by P. Pedersen. Unanimously approved.
4. Synthesis of inputs from April 28 Public Forum--Members discussed highlights of comments gleaned from the various topic groups, added an item on the economic table on Senior Housing.
5. Remaining tasks for OSIC board members to complete update of Open Space Plan--M. Larson is meeting with Judi Barrett, the consultant, tomorrow to go over questions or info that may be missing. M. Larson will report back to the group on what is needed for OSIC to do next.
6. Budget update -- Jim Wilkinson provided a copy of the FY 2018 – 19 draft budget (see attached)
7. Timing for purchase of tools for trail maintenance--P. Pedersen has a quote for a battery-powered chainsaw. Also has the amount for kiosk materials. Do we do both by the end of the fiscal year? J. Wilkinson says that we have the funding to do so. Need to find out if the town already has a vendor for equipment purchases such as chainsaws.
8. Planning the *Sterling Hikes* calendar for summer, 2018 --Several hike dates and locations were chosen. June 16 Peder Pedersen, Hog Hill 8:30 AM; June 27-Jeff Keay and Marion Larson, Full moon hike, Central MA Rail Trail M Larson to try and get astronomer enthusiast. Time --TBD; July 7 Waushacum Woods and Meadow Hike, Chuck Plaisted and Sue Valentine 8:30 AM. July 25 -- Wekepeke Hike Pedersen? 5:30 PM.
9. Update of trail clearing with Boy Scouts -- This will occur on May 19, Peder will take oldest group to Hog Hill Trail, Chris, the Scout Leader, will take next youngest to Stillwater Trail and another den leader will take Cub Scouts to work on the Butterick Nature Trail.
10. Communication from Matt Marro (Conservation Agent) re Waushacum Trail -- Email from Marro and from S. Valentine that Con Comm is fine with clearing the flagged trail from Waushacum Woods to Waushacum Meadow. Abutters were advised about the trail and several came out to see the proposed trail and were supportive.
11. Possibility of developing a set of *Sterling Easy Trails*--With interest expressed in the surveys and from the public forum for easy walking, perhaps we should find and designate some "easy" trails for people with limited mobility. It was suggested that certain trails we have worked on already qualify (Rail Trail, sections of the Heywood Trail etc.) We could indicate this on updated brochures as well as map out others.
12. New business--P. Pedersen announced that he would step down as Chairman in July 2019. Would like to complete some trail work by then and give us all advance notice of his intentions. Kiosk at Stillwater on Con Comm land. S. Valentine asked to discuss OSIC interest in erecting a

kiosk on the Con Comm land which is the trail head of the Stillwater Trail. She noted that Con Comm has purchased some kiosks. P. Pedersen said that we would erect our chosen kiosk design, examples of which can be seen behind the Butterick Building and at the Lynde Basins Trailhead at Heywood Road. She will bring this up at the next Con Comm meeting--which is next week.

13. Next meeting date: June 13, 2018 7PM Butterick Building

14. Adjourned 9:01 PM

Respectfully Submitted by Marion Larson, Scribe Pro Tem

### **OSIC Draft Budget FY18-19**

#### **FY 2018**

Already spent (printing, kiosk, etc.) . . . . .	\$457
Stillwater kiosk materials . . . . .	350
Brochure printing. . . . .	500
Survey Monkey . . . . .	150
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<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>\$1,457</b>

#### **FY 2019**

Battery-operated chainsaw. . . . .	\$600
Fifth kiosk materials. . . . .	350
Map and brochure printing. . . . .	500
Trail signage. . . . .	50
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<b>TOTAL. . . . .</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>