

OPEN SPACE AND IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Meeting: February 27, 2014

Meeting Opened at 7:06 P.M.
Meeting Adjourned at : 9:15 P.M.

Members Present:

Peder Pedersen, Jim Wilkinson, Marion Larson, Rob Protano.
Sue Valentine, liaison representing The Conservation Committee joined the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

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1. Agenda for February 27, 2014 meeting approved.
2. Minutes of the December 12, 2013 meeting approved as corrected.
3. Peder to prepare the annual report and it was agreed Annual Report coincides with the calendar year.
4. The Budget was set, Peder to e-mail the budget to Town Administrator Jeff Ritter in time for their meeting Saturday, March 1, 2014. The Budget to include reasons to justify amount and why we need the Budget. Reasons such as: continuation of creating Trail Maps. Identification of trails, trail signage, trail blazing. Event expense for those who help to create Trails and events for introducing our work to the public, creation of a Master Trail Map. Purchasing boundary markers and trail direction markers. Possibly some expense for plowing parking areas for Winter activity on the Trails.
5. Letter approved which will be sent to Superintendent-DPW, Bill Tuttle, Select Board, ConCom and Town Administrator referencing property on Hardscrabble Road, which the Town of Sterling had purchased in 2013.
6. A. Marion informed the Committee that spraying the trails to control growth must be done by a licensed person.
B. Sue Valentine informed the Committee that the DPW has a licensed person on staff.
C. Sue Valentine mentioned possibly getting a ConCom or OSIC member to become trained and licensed.
D. Marion will get a copy of the complete regulations for circulation for our committee and ConCom.
7. Sue Valentine updated the Board about the Overlook Trail and entrance at the end of Tara Lane. Sue is also going to talk to the new abutter to the Overlook Trail entrance in reference to his future property driveway.
8. Jim Wilkinson has started to acquire a lot of information about some trails including what maintenance maybe required. There is a lot of information on our GPS, which will need to be converted from MAC to PC. Peder has that capability.
9. Peder will get information so we all can access the Town GIS System.
10. Marion provided Jim with a bound copy and a disc copy of the latest OSIC Report (7 yr. report).
11. Sue brought Committee up to date about the Grant she applied for \$12,536.00 plus in house \$10,420.00 match. If obtained the list project will be the Mudgett Apple Orchard. Items to be addressed, Road Access, Parking, Making of trail. Just an FYI our DPW capped the open well, which was found during a walk. Sue also gave kudos to Bill Tuttle and the DPW for help in preparing grant application.

12. Marion talked about how pleased she was about the public participation at the educational seminar held at the First Church, January 26, 2014 pertaining to Bear population and Habits.
13. Committee briefly talked about organizing trail walks for Town residence and general public.
14. Marion to organize a walk to observe the Call of the Woodcock, possibly on April 22, 2014. Time and Location to be announced.

Next Regular Meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2014, 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Protano, Secretary