

OSIC Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2021 7:00 PM

**Via Zoom**

In attendance: Peder Pedersen, Jeff Keay, Chuck Plaisted, Rob Protano

Guest: Paul Lekberg

Meeting called to order: 7:02pm.

1. C. Plaisted started the meeting by asking if anyone was recording the meeting. All members replied in the negative.
2. R. Protano moved to accept the agenda for March 17, 2021. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. R. Protano moved to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2021 meeting as written. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.
5. Trail Sign Post Progress
  - C. Plaisted reported that he had completed constructing the trail sign posts, including the use of black lettering to highlight the sign text.
  - Discussed priorities for sign installation as well as the tools and man power needed. Agreed to get together on Saturday April 3 and begin installing signs on the Heywood Reservoir Trail. We will meet at the trailhead at 9:00am.
6. Vote on Paul Lekberg's membership on OSIC
  - Discussed Paul Lekberg's request for membership on the Open Space Implementation Committee.
  - R. Protano moved that Paul Lekberg be nominated as a member of OSIC. P. Pedersen seconded the nomination and it was carried unanimously. He will now go before the Board of Selectmen for his appointment to the Open Space Implementation Committee.
7. Peg's Pond Trail Progress
  - C. Plaisted reported that no work has been done on the trail for six months. He also reported that P. Lyons will be leaving the DPW as of April 30.
  - J. Keay reported that he is working on a grant application for AARP's Community Challenge. He noted that the application needs to be completed by April 14, and we will be notified of the selection results in June. Also, he will inquire of Wachusett Greenways as to contractors they have used for construction of the rail trail.
8. Discussion of Goals and Action Plan for Open Space and Recreation Chapter
  - C. Plaisted and P. Pedersen will finish this chapter and ask the committee for any suggested edits.
  - Discussed whether certain actions assigned to OSIC in the Recreation Chapter were appropriate responsibilities for our committee. C. Plaisted and P. Pedersen will check these out.

9. New Business

- No new business was brought forward.

10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

11. Adjournment: C. Plaisted move to adjourn. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay