

OSIC Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2022 7:00 PM

In attendance: Chuck Plaisted, Jeff Keay, Paul Lekberg, Rob Protano, Peder Pedersen, Jim Wilkinson

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. P. Pedersen moved to accept the agenda for September 21, 2022. Motion 2nd by P. Lekberg and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. C. Plaisted moved to accept the minutes of the July 20, 2022 meeting as written. Motion 2nd by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.
5. Peg's Pond Trail Progress
 - C. Plaisted, along with J. Keay, met with B. Caldwell, R. Mouradian, S. Valentine, and an instructor and students from Montachusett Technical High School at Sterling Greenery Community Park. Discussed work to be done at the park through contracting and volunteering.
 - B. Caldwell has begun soliciting bids for the project. He will need three bids before selecting a contractor for the job.
 - R. Mouradian listed work that the DPW has already completed at the park (new pumps for Peg Pond's stream and fountain, and the improvement of flow from the pond) as well as future jobs that the DPW will be able to do such as drainage projects and grading the trail to ADA requirements.
 - Discussed with the instructor from Monty Tech about having his students construct a masonry brick bench incorporating the memorial bricks that are currently part of the walkway.
 - Committee discussed the scope of the project and how much work can be done with the money allocated.
 - C. Plaisted will arrange a time for the committee to meet with B. Caldwell to help clarify the project's scope and what is being done to move the project forward.
6. Forestry work on the Hall Parcel
 - P. Pedersen reported that he has marked trees near the trail as "do not remove". He does not know what the status and scope of the lumbering will be.
7. Trail Maintenance Update
 - P. Pedersen reported a tree down on Hapsgood Road on the Heywood Reservoir Trail. P. Lekberg volunteered to remove it.
 - P. Pedersen noted he is trying to arrange a time with M. Ward, Clinton's Town Administrator, to walk portions of the Lynde Basin trail that were heavily forested and damaged existing trails.

- J. Keay noted that a steep portion of the Stillwater Basin Trail is becoming eroded. It was suggested that Boy Scouts be recruited to install water bars to help prevent further erosion.
- Committee members also suggested that construction of a bridge across the stream below Heywood Reservoir could be a scout project.
- P. Lekberg reported that trash is still being left at the Lynde Basin Trailhead. He has been removing the trash. Suggested that the metal bin currently there needs to be removed and a "Carry In, Carry Out" sign be posted. C. Plaisted will work on making a sign.

8. Sterling Fair Report

- Had a number of visitors who inquired about trails in Sterling and took our trail brochures. Also, had several visitors who signed up to volunteer for trail work. Discussed the importance of following up with volunteers.
- J. Wilkinson moved that "C. Plaisted be reimbursed by funds from OSIC for expenses he incurred for the 2022 Sterling Fair totaling \$240.12". The motion was seconded by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.

9. New Business

- There was no new business.

10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 7:00pm.

11. Adjournment: J. Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Motion 2nd by P. Pedersen and carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay