

OSIC Meeting Notes – March 27, 2024 7:00 PM

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

Meeting called to order: 7:07pm.

1. C. Plaisted asked if the meeting was being recorded by anyone. All replied in the negative.
2. J. Wilkinson moved to accept the agenda for March 27, 2024. Motion 2nd by P. Lekberg and carried unanimously.
3. Note taker: J. Keay volunteered.
4. P. Pedersen moved to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting as written. Motion 2nd by J. Wilkinson and carried unanimously.
5. Clinton DPW work update on the Lynde Basin Trail
 - P. Pedersen reported that he has had no communication with M. Ward, Clinton Town Manager since last month. He noted that his previous communications with M. Ward about improvements to the trail have been positive
6. Discussion of the analysis of the Open Space value of Chapter 61 parcels
 - C. Plaisted noted that the North County Land Trust (NCLT) was conducting a meeting of land owners to explain options for preserving and protecting their lands. He encouraged attending the meeting, as it would provide insight into the programs that are available, and landowner feedback. P. Pedersen will notify E. Merlino of NCLT of those from OSIC who will be attending.
 - Discussion of setting up procedures so that OSIC will be notified of those landowners who have opted to take their property out of Chapter 61 protection.
 - o C. Plaisted will check with S. Wallace as to how we can be included in the process.
 - Discussed ways of encouraging land owners to keep their properties protected such as:
 - o Using funding sources (i.e. grants).
 - o Reaching compromises (i.e. selling only a portion of their property or allowing a limited number of new builds).
7. Activities for Earth Day on 22 April 2024
 - P. Pedersen will coordinate trail clearing and cleanup on April 13 and, if necessary, on April 27. The trails, kiosks, and parking lots to be worked on include Butterick Trail,

Heywood Reservoir Trail, Lynde Basin Trail, and Allenwood Trail. We'll plan on meeting at the Butterick Building at 8:30am on the cleanup days. P. Lekberg will get the yellow trash bags from the DPW, and P. Pedersen will notify those on our hiking list about the clearing and cleanup effort.

- C. Plaisted asked R. Mooradian about cleaning up the Peg's Pond area. He will be sending crews to clean up the park.

8. Consideration of Christine Nelson for OSIC committee position

- A vote was tabled until our next meeting.

9. New Business

- Senior Center Hikes
 - o C. Plaisted will contact S. Beane of the Sterling Senior Center to arrange a meeting to further discuss the proposed senior hikes, such as scheduling hikes with different difficulty ratings. He will check on the possibility of scheduling a meeting on April 1.
 - o C. Plaisted reported that a budget of \$2,950 for next fiscal year has been approved for OSIC by the Finance Committee.

10. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 7:00pm.

11. Adjournment: J. Wilkinson moved to adjourn. Motion 2nd by C. Plaisted and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Jeff Keay