

OSIC MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2017, 7:00 PM

Butterick Municipal Building -- Room 201

Present: Peder Pedersen, Jeff Keay, Marion Larson, Jim Wilkinson

Not Present: Rob Protano, Erin Rehrig

Meeting called to order at 7:10PM

1. Acceptance of agenda as posted for September 20, 2017.
2. Unanimous approval of August 16, 2017 minutes as is.
3. Note taker for the evening – J. Keay volunteered.
4. Open Space Recreation Plan (OSRP) Survey – Announcements and Responses
 - P. Pedersen put announcements for accessing the OSRP online survey in both The Landmark and Sterling Meeting House News.
 - M. Larson reports that very few of the online surveys have been completed and sent. She suggests that OSIC members connect electronically with any groups in town and provide them the link to the surveys, encouraging them to fill them out and to share the link with others. She will also look into distributing a written survey to the Sterling Land Trust, Sportsman's Club, and other local groups.
 - J. Keay will inquire about sending out surveys to Sterling members of Wachusett Greenways.
 - P. Pedersen will check with town officials about providing a link from the town website to the OSRP survey.
5. Trail Brochures and Posters
 - P. Pedersen has distributed trail brochures to Town Hall, Conant Library, and the Senior Center. Only a few are left at the senior center. He will print out 25 more of each trail for them.
 - J. Keay will inquire about displaying a Sterling Trails poster at the beginning of the Rail Trail.
6. Questions from A. Amory
 - M. Larson has received an email with a series of questions for us, concerning the OSRP. She will review the email and inform the committee about the questions.
7. Trail Clearing
 - P. Pedersen will arrange a series of dates for clearing that will be emailed to all of our trail maintainers.
 - We will wait to hear from R. Protano regarding installation of a kiosk for the Butterick Trail.
8. Paperwork for OSIC expenditures reimbursement was given to J. Wilkinson.
9. New Business
 - M. Larson reported on her attendance at the Sterling All Boards/Committees Meeting. She spoke at the meeting outlining the primary objectives of OSIC:
 - Producing the OSRP.
 - Helping the town to implement trail awareness and maintenance.
 - Detailing town environmental challenges.
 - M. Larson mentioned that a meeting was held this past Monday night by DCR Watershed Protection and Supply regarding proposals that may expand some kinds of recreational access or activities that were previously prohibited, including hunting. Because this meeting was at the same time as the All Boards meeting, she could not attend, but she will be looking into this and reporting back to OSIC.
 - We will be checking on the need to remove our materials from the Old Town Hall.
10. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12

Respectfully Submitted by Jeff Keay