



**Master Plan Implementation Committee
Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 6:00p.m
Room 116, Town Hall**

Minutes

Attending Members: Ed Forsberg (Chairman), Dick Power (Vice Chairman), Al Goetz, Dick Nottebart, Mary Kent, Bruce Norwell, and Roger Turner. Staff Present: Stephanie Mercandetti and Maura Therrien. Guests: Denise Maleiko, Sue Ferioli, Greg Sands and Paul Yingling of NUASCE.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Mr. Forsberg.
2. Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Nottebart and seconded by Mr. Power to accept the minutes of the February 7, 2012 meeting as written. VOTED 6-0-1

Six (6) In Favor – Mr. Forsberg, Mr. Power, Mr. Goetz, Mr. Nottebart, Ms. Kent, and Mr. Norwell

One (1) Abstention – Mr. Turner

3. Ongoing Business:
 - a. Spring Brook Trail/Park Project (Mr. Nottebart):

Mr. Nottebart reported that the Department of Public Works staff has cleaned some of the area in and around Spring Brook by Blackburn Drive and down by Memorial Bridge. It looks much better. He thanked Mr. Goetz and Mr. Turner for their guidance and assistance.

Mr. Goetz added that when the brush is allowed to remain, the water temperature is cooled and small creatures like salamanders, frogs and turtles are protected. Improved viewpoints will require some of the red dogwood, as flagged by Ms. Hershey, be removed. Those stumps should be removed.

Mr. Nottebart stated that Ray Bishop of Gator Bridge will help with the final wording of the Request for Proposals (RPF). We will invite him to our next meeting. Mr. Sands commented that he and Professor Dulaski are working on the piling plan and the flood storage plan. Professor Dulaski will OK the final draft. Greg Morris did the test pits. He has a bobcat and will stamp the plans. As the flood plain widens out it allows for flood storage. About two inches will be skimmed along the top of the area downstream from the proposed bridge site, then will be reseeded. The volume will be tracked by the

truckloads removed. It is alright to remove some weeds and grass and take them to the compost site.

The bridge will be fifty-five feet long with ten foot ramps. The brook edge will be lined with a row of soccer ball sized rocks on the field side to stop lawn mowers and to delineate the field from the park. Along the top of the banks there will be a twenty-five foot buffer zone.

Mr. Sands suggested signage from Northeastern to name the park, mentioning NUASE, the Bay Circuit Trail, and the Town of Walpole.

Mr. Forsberg will contact Charlie Quigley, the Assistant Town Engineer, Al French of the Bay Circuit Trail, Jim Johnson, and Jack Mee, Building Inspector, to update them on the plans.

Mr. Nottebart will work with Ms. Hershey concerning plantings of swamp holly, azalea, and high bush blueberries to nourish wildlife.

b. Municipal Facilities RFP Committee Update (Mr. Power):

Mr. Nottebart inquired on the status of the RFP. Mr. Power and Ms. Kent informed the Committee that the RFP has been revised and redistributed, and everyone seemed happy. Submissions are due 4/1/2012.

c. Revised 2012 Work Plan:

- i. Discussion on 2012 activities: Mr. Goetz reminded the Committee that we should be advocating for the dredging of the ponds. This requires permitting, a study of the sediment, and consulting design engineers.

4. Correspondence: None

5. Any Other Business: None

6. Next Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month - April 10, 2012

7. Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Power and Mr. Nottebart to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY