

**Open Space Committee Meeting
Minutes of February 26, 2018**

These minutes approved at OSC Meeting 3/26/18

Members present: David Schochet, Larry Flaccus, Joel Dwight, Norm Beebe, Jim Perry, John Wheeler, and Linda Herrera

Linda appointed secretary pro term

David called to order 7:10 pm

January minutes approved

Business from earlier months:

Annual Report – Larry is doing this

Budget for OSC – No Budget request this year

250th Celebration –pushed to March meeting

Ongoing Business

Tree Walk –

Jim Perry exemplified using golf tee in a drilled hole for the tree signs, Joel showed the example of the post sign using rebar, both very clever.. Joel will supply 10 posts with reflectors for safety. There is a list with closest home owner's addresses to follow up on requesting permission to have a tree sign on the designated trees. Arlene is doing some requests to homeowners, (she is doing Linda's) and David has some contacts to make too. With such a busy time this spring, it is hopeful that owners will be contacted before March meeting. Many of the trees are on town property.

David advised the group that he will **purchase the tree signs** from same vendor used for signage on the Wooded Loop Trail.

Co-chairs listened to possible **printers for the brochure** and they will make the final decision, there are a few more script corrections before final copy.

Jim Stacy of the **Historical Committee** has no objection to using the previously printed information of those houses listed on the tree walk brochure. It was suggested that approval from Historical Committee be in writing before brochures are printed.

FRCOG has a program available ("**Tree Identity Survey**"): OSC will request \$1000 when applying for funds;

Hiking trail in town update:

Norm has worked with Terry (admin) preparing a warrant for Town Meeting (River Trail) Norm will speak with Finance Committee and report back to OSC regarding their response.

Woodland Partnership: Larry sent letter in support and hasn't any feedback at this time

Deerfield Reconstruction Hearing: Larry attended to advise the possibility of a River Trail, and OSC's interest and ambition toward its success.

Planning Board: Public Hearing on Division of the Bi laws March 14th. Web site has more info.

ZBA has Public Hearing on Simpson Property Solar Possibilities

Recreation Committee: Still looking for 2 additional members

Agriculture Committee: Actively working on the 250th Celebration.

Announcements:

All Boards meeting is on March 5th, Larry will attend.

Mass Land Conservation Conference is March 24th in Worcester

Next Meeting: March 26