

**Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee
September 15, 2022
DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Committee Members present: Eileen Hiney, Chair, Maureen Minasian, Lauren Webb, Michael Silvia

Members absent: Nicole Holmes

Call To Order: A quorum was present. The meeting, held on Zoom, was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The draft minutes of the August 15, 2022 meeting, on a motion by Maureen, seconded by Lauren, were approved unanimously.

Public Comment: None.

New OSC Member: Michael Silvia has been confirmed by the Town Council as the fifth member of this committee. He fills the vacancy created when Kevin Mandeville resigned in June. Michael introduced himself and the committee welcomed him.

Old Business:

- **Lakeshore Development Phase IV.** The Lake Nippenicket Action Focus Team (the Focus Team) plans to withdraw the Project Eligibility Form it submitted to the Community Preservation Committee related to creation of a park where the developer has proposed a restaurant. (The OSC is a “sponsoring organization” of this proposal.) The information in the Eligibility Form was not complete so the CPC did not consider it. The Focus Team will continue to work on advancing this proposal for a park.
- **Parks information for Town website.** No report as Josh McGraw could not attend this meeting.
- **Tree Committee.** No report.
- **Property adjacent to Murray-Needs Conservation land on North St.** This Property, south of and adjacent to, the Murray-Needs Conservation Land has been for sale for some time. David Hanson has raised with the property owner the possibility of placing a conservation restriction on the property. The next step is to talk with town staff about this potential open space acquisition.
- **Wyman Meadows access plans.** Wildlands Trust staff is developing a proposed trail that would be largely on the WT property. A short section of the trail, and a parking area for trail users, would be located on the town conservation parcel. The proposed trail will be discussed with this committee and town staff. It will also need approval of the Conservation Commission because of the wetlands on the property. (See below re: site visit.)

New Business: None

Next Meetings:

A site visit at the Wyman Meadow property on Plymouth Street is tentatively set for **Saturday, October 8 at 11:00 am**. This site visit will be in lieu of a regular committee meeting in October.

The next regular committee meeting will be **Thursday, November 17, 2022**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by Eileen Hiney

