

Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee
July 28, 2022 - 7:00 pm
Final Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

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

Members absent: Nicole Holmes

Call To Order: A quorum was present. The meeting, held on Zoom, was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The draft minutes of the June 16 meeting, as circulated prior to this meeting, were approved unanimously. The draft minutes of the May 19, 2022 meeting have not been approved; with the resignation of Kevin Mandeville, only two members who attended that meeting are currently on the committee.

Public Comment: None.

Old Business:

- **Lakeshore Development Phase IV.** The committee discussed the June 24, 2022 MEPA Determination of need for Environmental Impact Review (EIR) concerning this development project. Eileen reported that the Lake Nippenicket Action Focus Team submitted a Project Eligibility Form to the Community Preservation Committee for a proposal to create a park at the site where the developer of the Phase IV project has proposed construction of a lakeside restaurant. The OSC signed on to that form as a “sponsoring organization” of that proposal.
- **Wyman Meadows update.** The Wildlands Trust is exploring the potential for acquisition of additional riverfront property adjacent to the North Fork Conservation Area and the town Wyman Meadow conservation land.
- **Parks information for Town website.** No report.
- **Tree Committee update.** Pat Neary reported that this committee met recently but Nicole Holmes, the OSC representative did not attend. The committee is not discussing ways to prevent destruction of trees during development. It is focusing on care of town trees and planting trees on town properties.
- **Hanson Farm update.** The Hansons have completed the survey of the property.
- **Stiles & Hart update.** Eileen had a conversation with Michael Dutton who said the outlook for state, and possibly federal funding, for this project is good.
- **Need for new OSC member.** Lauren will put an announcement on the town of Bridgewater Residents Facebook page noting that the OSC is seeking a new member.

New Business:

- **OSC representative to Community Preservation Committee (CPC).** This committee needs to appoint one of its members to represent it on the CPC, replacing Kevin Mandeville. Maureen agreed to serve in this role. Lauren moved that Maureen be appointed as the OSC representative on the CPC; Eileen seconded and it was unanimously approved.
- **North Street property adjacent to Murray-Needs Conservation Land.** The property adjacent to the Murray-Needs Conservation Land where the slaughterhouse previously operated has been for sale. Conservation of this land might be appropriate because of its proximity to Murray-Needs and its proximity to the Hanson Farm land.
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Next Meeting: Thursday August 25, 2022 @7:00 pm. Note this is one week later than our normal third Thursday schedule. The September meeting will be held 9/15 at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Submitted by Eileen Hiney