



Town of Bridgewater **Open Space Committee**

October 19, 2023

7:00 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

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Meeting ID: 882 608 389 53

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2020, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, and the March 31, 2025, extension granted by Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance is permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a) September 21, 2023
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Old Business**
 - a) Wyman Meadow
 - i. Trail Work Update
 - ii. Recommend Payment of Materials for Span Bridge
 - b) Tree Committee Meeting Report
 - c) Hanson Farm Update
 - d) Chapter 61 Properties Adjacent to Open Space
 - e) Lake Nip Hotel Proposal Update
 - f) Parks Information on Town Website
- E. New Business**
- F. Additional Items for Discussion**
- G. Adjournment of Meeting**

**Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee
September 21, 2023
Draft Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

Committee Members present: Eileen Hiney, Chair, Nicole Holmes, Michael Silvia

Member absent: Maureen Minasian, Lauren Webb

A. Call To Order: A quorum was present. The meeting commenced at 7:05

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes: The August 2023 draft meeting minutes were approved.

C. Public Comment: None

D. Old Business:

a. Wyman Meadow Update. Wildlands Trust's installation of the two water crossing structures has been delayed to October due to recent wet weather. WT's staff and volunteers will complete this part of the project. Once the dates for trail clearing are set the OSC should engage local volunteers to help with this part of the project. The veteran's group in town that has been volunteering to work on various town projects would be a good group to engage for this work.

There will be less than \$1,000 in material costs for this bog boards and span bridge. WT has provided the materials for the bog boards and is asking that the town pay for the materials for the bridge. Eileen has forwarded WT's budget for this project to Bob Rulli to see if additional information is needed for the town to pay this portion of the costs, estimated to be less than \$600.

b. Tree Committee. Nicole said that the TC is trying to find locations to plant trees on town land and some organizations are making suggestions of where to plant trees. Marathon Park was suggested as a place where more trees are needed. School grounds are also a place that might provide an opportunity for Arbor Day education and coordination between the TC and OSC. Planning Board regulations would need to be amended to require more trees be planted on private land development projects.

c. Community Preservation Committee meeting. No report.

d. Chapter 61 properties. Eileen contacted Wildlands Trust staff to discuss the potential for open space conservation of property at the end of South Street; this was a follow-up on Michael Silvia's review of Mass BioMap data related to Chapter 61 property adjacent to existing open space. WT has been reviewing parcels in this area, particularly on the Middleboro side of this area.

e Lake Nip Development Proposal

a. Planning Board Review. At the Planning Board public hearing on the hotel project held on August 16th, one of the Planning Board members asked that town staff review the letter that had been submitted by the OSC in June. That letter pointed out that the project plans did not include common design options that could reduce tree clearing and the environmental degradation this project will cause. To follow up on this, Eileen will request a meeting with town staff and her and Nicole to discuss the OSC comments prior to the next Planning Board hearing on this.

b. Comments to Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission will consider this project after the Planning Board complete its review. The OSC agreed will submit comments to the Conservation Commission.

E. New Business. None

F. Next Meeting The next regular committee meeting will be **Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm.**

G. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Hiney