



Town of Bridgewater **Open Space Committee**

November 16, 2023

7:00 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.
To attend via video, click on the link below:

To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923

Meeting ID:

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) October 19, 2023

C. Public Comment

D. Old Business

- a) Wyman Meadow
 - 1. Trail Work Update
 - 2. Possible Grant through Recreational Trails Program
- b) Tree Committee Meeting Report
- c) Chapter 61 Properties Adjacent to Open Space
 - 1. Middleboro Conservation land

- d) Lake Nip Hotel Proposal Update

E. New Business

- a) Publicity: Facebook page, news flash re Wyman Meadow, BTV re Filming
- b) Parks & Rec

1. Link to Parks
2. Coordination of Publicity

F. Additional Items for Discussion

- a) Next Meeting Date: No December Meeting; Next Meeting January 18, 2024

G. Adjournment of Meeting

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

Attendance:

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

Member absent: Nicole Holmes

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

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes: The September 21, 2023 draft meeting minutes were approved with minor amendments.

C. Public Comment: None

D. Old Business:

a. Wyman Meadow

i. Trail Work Update. Wildlands Trust (WT) started work on placement of the 2 water crossing structures this week. They have decided to use their own experienced volunteers to complete the crossings and the trail clearing. However, they will create a schedule for set times when other public volunteers can participate in the trail work as it progresses. The committee discussed possible ways to publicize the opening of the WM area including the town website, an announcement at a Town Council meeting, and social media sites including creating an OSC Facebook page. Eileen will contact Josh McGraw about these ideas.

ii. Recommend Payment of Materials for Span Bridge. As discussed at the last meeting, WT is asking that the town reimburse it for the costs of the materials used for the span bridge, at that time estimated to be less than \$600. The actual costs have been less than anticipated; WT has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$374.84. A motion to recommend payment by the town of that amount was made, seconded and unanimously approved. Eileen will ask town staff to process reimbursement of that amount to Wildlands Trust.

b. Tree Committee Meeting Report. Pat Neary, a member of the Tree Committee, reported on its recent meeting. There was discussion about where to plant trees on town-owned land and funds available for that. There needs to be outreach to the public to let them know that trees located on the right-of-way are town-owned and cannot be cut down without approval.

c. Hanson Farm update. Eileen gave an update on the timeline that the Town Manager recently sent out to the committees and parties involved with this project.

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 Update

The Planning Board held its third public hearing on the hotel project on October 18th and continued the hearing until November 6th. The developer has submitted its Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to MEPA. Comments on that SEIR are due by November 6th. The Conservation Commission will review this project but not until the Planning Board has completed its review and made its decisions

Micheal moved to submit comments on this project both to MEPA and to the Conservation Commission; it was seconded by Maureen and unanimously approved.

f. Parks Information on Town Website. Josh is working on getting the links to the town's parks currently on the OSC website also on the Park and Recreation section of the town web site.

E. New Business. None

F. Next Meeting The next regular committee meeting will be **Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm.**

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

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Hiney