Town of Bridgewater

Open Space Committee

January 18, 2024
7:00 PM
The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.
To attend via video, click on the link below:
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82856005858

To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923
Meeting ID: 828 560 058 58

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) November 16, 2023

C. Public Comment

D. Old Business

a) Publicity

1. OSC - Facebook
2. All Parks with Parks and Rec.
3. Wyman Meadow Announcement

b) Wyman Meadow

1. Trail Work and Parking Area
2. Possible Grant Through Recreational Trails Program
3. Hunting on WM/North Fork Preserve

c) Tree Committee Meeting Report

d) Chapter 61 Properties Adjacent to Open Space

e) Lake Nip Project Update

1. Planning Board Decision
2. OSC Comments to Conservation Committee

E. New Business

F. Additional Items for Discussion

G. Adjournment of Meeting

Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee
November 16, 2023
Draft Meeting Minutes

Attendance:
Committee Members present: Eileen Hiney, Chair, Maureen Minasian, Nicole Holmes
Members absent: Michael Silvia, Lauren Webb

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

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes: The October 19, 2023 draft meeting minutes were approved.

C. Public Comment: None

D. New Business

Publicity:

E. 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. Possible Grant Through Recreational Trails Program

b. Tree Committee Meeting Report. Nicole Holmes reported on the 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 was successful 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 committee will not meet in December.

The next regular committee meeting will be **Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm**.

G. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Hiney