



Town of Bridgewater **Open Space Committee**

August 15, 2024

2:00 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 840 0178 2880

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) July 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Old Business**
 - a) Open Space Plan Update
 - b) Parks Publicity - Carver Pond Video
 - c) Wyman Meadow/North Fork Preserve:
 - Parking
 - Opening Event: October 5
 - What to name the site
 - Rules to be posted
 - Agreement between Wildlands Trust and Town
 - d) Tree Committee Report
 - e) Lake Nip Project Conservation Committee Continuance to 8/22
 - f) Hanson Farm Update
- E. New Business**
 - a) Annual Reorganization of Open Space Committee
- F. Additional Items for Discussion**

G. Adjournment of Meeting

- a) Next Open Space Committee Meeting - Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 2:00pm.

**Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee
Draft July 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

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

Members absent: Nicole Holmes. (There is one vacancy on the committee.)

A. Call To Order: A quorum was present. The meeting commenced at 2:04

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Draft minutes of the May 16 and June 24 meetings were approved.

C. Public Comment: None

D. Old Business

a. **Publicity.** The Carver Pond video footage that was taken on June 11 will be edited by Michael and Jeff Fowler of BTV in the next few weeks. They have decided to complete the Carver Pond video for posting before shooting the other parklands. The script Michael drafted will be included.

b. Wyman Meadow /North Fork Preserve

- i. **Trail and Parking Areas.** Eileen and Paul Decosta, Highway Department Manager, visited the site to discuss the parking area July 18th. Paul assured her that, as soon as possible, he would remove the existing vegetation and lay a new surface at the 3-car parking area that has been staked out by Owen Gray of Wildlands Trust.
- ii. **Opening event.** The opening will be held on Saturday, October 5 (rather than a possible September 21 date) to ensure that the parking area improvements can be completed beforehand.

c. **Tree Committee.** No report.

d. **Hanson Farm.** Eileen spoke with Bob Hanson recently who said the project is in the hands of the lawyers at this point.

e. **Chapter 61 properties.** No report.

f. **Lake Nip Development Proposal.** The Conservation Commission consideration of this project was continued to the 7/25 meeting.

E. New Business:

a. Open Space Plan Update

Shane O'Brien, Town Planner, gave an overview of the process and timeline to update the Open Space Plan by 2025. He asked for a letter of support from this committee by 7/22 for a grant application to the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs. The grant will seek funds to hire a consultant to oversee development of the updated plan. Submission of a letter of support was unanimously approved.

F. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

G. Next Meeting. August, 15, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Hiney