



Town of Bridgewater **Open Space Committee**

September 19, 2024

2:00 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 858 898 987 61

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) August 15, 2024

C. Public Comment

D. Old Business

- a) Open Space Plan Update
- b) Parks Publicity - Update on Carver Pond and Other Videos
- c) Wyman Meadow/North Fork Preserve:
 - October 5th Opening Event
 - To Do
 - Agreement Between Wildlands Trust and Town
 - Hunting
- d) Tree Committee Report
- e) Lake Nip Project - Conservation Committee Continued Again to 9/26
- f) Hanson Farm Update
- g) Annual Reorganization of OSC

E. New Business

- a) OSC Participation in Autumn Fest 9/28

F. Additional Items for Discussion

- a) Next OSC Meeting - Thursday, October 17th at 2:00 pm

G. Adjournment of Meeting

**Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee
Draft August 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Attendance:

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

Members absent: None.

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

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Draft minutes of the July meeting were approved unanimously.

C. Public Comment: None

D. Old Business

a. Open Space Plan Update

Eileen submitted a letter of support for the town's application for a state grant to assist with costs of the update, as approved by this committee at the July meeting. Eileen noted the that Community Preservation Committee is also engaged in a planning exercise for its 5-year plan. The current CPC plan includes a section on open space that incorporates much of the goals and objectives of the 2018 Open Space Plan. There are 2 focus groups scheduled by the CPC on 9/23 in the evening to discuss open space and recreation.

b. Publicity. The 3-minute Carver Pond video is expected to be posted in September. It must be submitted to Josh McGraw prior to posting on the town and BTV websites. Suggestions were given to Michael to add information about the location, parking, kayaking access, and on-leash dog-walking. Tuckerwood should be the next location for a video shoot. The basic script will be used and customized to the different locations.

c. Wyman Meadow /North Fork Preserve. Eileen contacted Owen Gray at Wildlands and John Hart at Parks and Rec, about suggested names for the combined site. The three of them came up with: **Wyman North Fork Conservation Area**. The OSC members agreed to this name. There has not been a sign at the location or any official designation of a name for the town property as far as we know. Wildlands Trust will design signs.

A set of rules needs to be posted. Parks & Rec should be included in the discussion. There will need to be an agreement between Wildlands Trust and the Town about the roles of each in managing the combined site. Eileen sent a request to the town manager asking him to announce the 10/5 opening event at an upcoming council meeting. There are still questions about hunting at the site. Eileen will continue to look into this.

d. Tree Committee. Nicole and Pat Neary reported that the Tree Committee is continuing to work on a draft tree ordinance. It has been submitted to the town manager for review. The committee is also looking at the logistics for planting new trees. The town has not had an arborist on town staff for many years but needs one. They are in short supply.

e. Chapter 61 properties. No report.

f. Lake Nip Development Proposal. The Conservation Commission hearing was again continued to the 8/22 meeting.

- g. **Hanson Farm.** The process is going ahead on schedule at this stage and hopefully will not be delayed by Michael Dutton's departure.
- E. **New Business: Annual Reorganization of Open Space Committee.** Eileen has chaired the OSC since late 2019. She has asked Michael if he would be willing to take on the role of Chairperson of this committee as no other committee member is able to. He is considering it.
Michael will post an on-line announcement stating that we have a vacant seat on the committee.
- F. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.
- G. **Next Meeting.** September 19, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Hiney