



Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee

November 21, 2024

2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 828 2116 8325

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 19, 2024
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Old Business**
 - a) Open Space Plan Update
 - b) Parks Publicity - Update on Videos
 - c) Wyman North Fork Conservation Area
 - d) Tree Committee Report
 - e) Lake Nip Project Update
 - f) Hanson Farm Update
 - g) Reorganization of OSC, New Member
 - h) Report on 9/28 Autumn Fest
- E. New Business**
- F. Additional Items for Discussion**
 - a) Next OSC Meeting - 12/19 at 2:00 p.m.
- G. Adjournment of Meeting**

**Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee
Draft September 19, 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 2:03 pm

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Draft minutes of the August 15th meeting were approved unanimously.

C. Public Comment: None

D. Old Business

a. **Open Space Plan Update.** There has been no response yet from the state regarding the grant funds that town staff is seeking to help with the plan.

b. **Publicity.** The final videos will be clearer than the draft this committee viewed at our last meeting. Final edits to the Carver video will be done soon. Jeff Fowler will be available to shoot videos at other conservation/park lands. Tuckerwood should be the next location for a shoot. Maureen is familiar with that property. The basic script will be used and customized to the different locations. A map of all the properties should be posted.

c. **Wyman North Fork Conservation Area.** Eileen appeared at the Town Council 9/17 meeting. During the public comments period, she informed the Council about the 10/5 Wyman event.

She drafted a notice to be emailed to various town committees by the town manager's office, which was discussed, along with the logistics of the event. Eileen will finalize the announcement working with Josh McGraw and Wildlands staff.

Eileen talked with Kitty Doherty about the history of hunting on town properties. Kitty understands the town generally follows state rules on town properties without putting up specific town notices about whether hunting is allowed. Carver Pond is an exception where discharge of firearms is not allowed and this is posted. A caution sign at Wyman and other properties stating there may be hunters present and blaze orange is recommended would be useful.

d. **Tree Committee.** Nicole gave a short report on items under discussion.

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

f. **Lake Nip Development Proposal.** The Conservation Commission hearing was again continued.

g. **Hanson Farm.** The process is going ahead on schedule at this stage and is a high priority for the new acting town manager.

E. Annual Reorganization of Open Space Committee. Michael is willing to take on the role of Chairperson of this committee as of January 2025.

F. New Business. There will be a table at Autumn Fest to recruit new town committee members. Michael and Eileen may both be able to attend.

G. Additional Items for Discussion. Gina Guasconi, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, reported on the update of the CPC 5-year plan that is under development. OSC input is welcome.

H. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

I. **Next Meeting.** October 17, 2024 at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Hiney