



Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee

January 23, 2025
2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 822 0375 3334

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) December 19, 2024
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Old Business**
 - a) Open Space Plan
 - b) Parks Publicity
 - c) Wyman North Fork Conservation Area
 - d) Tree Committee Report
 - e) Lake Nip Project Update
 - f) Reorganization of OSC
 - g) Hanson Farm
 - h) North Street Property for Sale/Murray-Needs Access
- E. New Business**
 - a) Meeting with Acting Town Manager 1/6/2025
 - b) CPC Plan Update
 - c) Legal Protection of Existing Open Space
- F. Additional Items for Discussion**

G. Adjournment of Meeting

DRAFT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 2024

Attendance:

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

Members absent: Nicole Holmes

A. Call To Order: A quorum was present. The meeting commenced at 2:05 pm

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

C. Public Comment: None

D. Old Business

- a. **Open Space Plan Update.** There is still no response from the state on the town's grant application. It is doubtful that we can meet the deadline for a new OS plan at this point. According to town staff, there are unlikely to be consequences for missing the deadline, provided the state is satisfied the town is making progress on the new plan.
- b. **Parks Publicity.** It was discussed where to create links on the town website for the 3 park videos that have been created. Michael suggested convening a group of town staff and committee members to create a site that would be inviting and informative to the public for all BW outdoor spaces.
- c. **Wyman North Fork Conservation Area.** Wildlands Trust has asked for the town to provide financial support (about \$800) to help pay for a sign on the street and at the kiosk. Eileen will follow up on this. Wildlands is interested in working with the town to open additional trails on the Wyman town conservation land not yet accessible to the public. One of the issues raised is whether creating new trails would be eligible for Community Preservation Act funds.
- d. **Tree Committee.** Pat Neary reported on the efforts to hire a tree warden discussed at a recent meeting.
- e. **Lake Nip Development Proposal.** The Lake Nip Action Focus Team is appealing to MassDEP the Conservation Commission's approval of the new hotel, which will include clearing of acres of trees.
- f. **Hanson Farm.** The project is moving ahead.
- g. **Reorganization of Open Space Committee.** Rather than have Michael Silvia assume the position of chair in January, as previously discussed, it makes sense to wait until a new town manager is in place to make this transition.

E. New Business. none

F. Additional Items for Discussion:

- a. Next meeting is January 16 (since rescheduled to Jan 23) at 2:00 pm.

G. The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm