



Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee

December 10, 2025

1:30 PM

Academy Building

Room 201A

MEETING AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) October 8, 2025

C. Public Comment

D. Old Business

- a) Open Space Plan FY2025-FY2029

) https://www.bridgewaterma.org/DocumentCenter/View/6019/BridgewaterCPP_Plan_FinalAsApproved_012725

- b) Parks Publicity

- 1. Videos of Titicut, Tuckerwood, Carver Pond in Buzz Around Bridgewater 11/7/2025
- 2. Video Shoot for Wyman North Fork

- c) Wyman North Fork Conservation Area - Signs and Trail Expansion

- d) Tree Committee Report

- e) Community Preservation Committee Report

- f) Hanson Farm

- g) Murray-Needs Farm Access

- h) New OSC Members

E. New Business

- a) Town Manager Introduction

F. Additional Items for Discussion

G. Adjournment of Meeting

DRAFT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES of October 8, 2025 Meeting

Committee Members present: Eileen Hiney, Chair, Maureen Minasian, John Fitzgerald

Members **absent** - none

- A. **Call To Order:** A quorum was present. The meeting commenced at 11:00 am.
- B. **There were no minutes to approve.** (No meetings held since March due to lack of a quorum.)
- C. **Public Comment:** Janet Hanson attended to learn about what the committee does.
- D. **Old Business**
 - a. **Open Space Plan.** The town received a two-year extension for submission of its updated plan. Community and Economic Development staff oversee the update process.
 - b. **Parks Publicity.** Eileen, Jeff Fowler at BTV, and Josh McGraw are working on publicizing the completed park videos. It is not clear where on the town website the videos are stored (vs. merely linked). Eileen will find out how the videos can be made available to the *Buzz Around Bridgewater*.
 - c. **Wyman North Fork Conservation Area.** There is an immediate need for a sign on the street pointing out the road that leads to the hiking trail. Eileen and John will work on this.
 - d. **Tree Committee.** Pat Neary reported that there will be a public forum about trees on October 22, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the public library.
 - e. **Hanson Farm.** The legal work has been completed. The trails and signage are being developed now. An event is being planned for early November to celebrate this project.
 - f. **Murray-Needs Farm Access.** In April/May, Eileen and Maureen met with the realtor listing the 7+-acre property on North Street. They discussed a possible purchase that would allow for public access and parking for the adjacent Murray-Needs Conservation Land. This included two site visits, one attended by Gina Guasconi and Carlton Hunt representing the Community Preservation Committee. The property owner decided she is not interested in working with the town on this. The property is still listed for sale.
- E. **New Business.** John has been working on the Old State Farm Trail with the Bridging the Bridgewaters group. The project is moving forward with parking lots and trails scheduled to be developed soon.
- F. **Additional Items for Discussion.**

a. Josh said committees are now going to be asked to report at Town Council meetings occasionally.

b. Josh reported that the town has a public relations firm that committees may make use of to help with public outreach. Eileen suggested it would be good to get help to create a seasonal plan for publicity about the town parks. Josh suggested the committee send him ideas we would like help on and he will contact the firm.

G. Next meeting – November date to be determined