



Town of Bridgewater **Open Space Committee**

February 4, 2026

1:30 PM

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83742903437>

In-Person: Academy Building, Room 201A

MEETING AGENDA

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a) December 10, 2025
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Old Business**
 - a) Open Space Plan Update Status
 - b) Parks Publicity
 - c) Wyman North Fork Conservation Area
 - d) Tree Committee
 - e) Community Preservation Committee
 - f) Hanson Farm
 - g) Murray-Needs Farm Access
 - h) New OSC Members
- E. New Business**
- F. Additional Items for Discussion**
- G. Adjournment of Meeting**

DRAFT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MINUTES of December 10, 2025, Meeting

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

- A. **Call To Order:** A quorum was present. The meeting commenced at 1:30 pm in Room 201A in the Academy Building.
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Minutes for the meeting of October 8, 2025, were approved.
- C. **New Business:** Town Manager, Justin Cassanova-Davis, attended, and met the committee members for the first time. The committee provided background information on the work it has been involved in and its ongoing projects and priorities. Mr. Casanova-Davis expressed his appreciation and support for the work of the committee.
- D. **Public Comment:** Janet Hanson attended.
- E. **Old Business**
 - a. **Open Space Plan.** The link in the agenda mistakenly was to the Open Space Plan rather than the recent update to the Community Preservation Plan for 2025-2029 (CPP). The CPP includes a recently updated open space section. The Open Space Plan update is a separate state requirement. Town staff oversee this OSP update.
 - b. **Parks Publicity.** Eileen worked with *Buzz Around Bridgewater* and Jeff Fowler to get the 3 completed videos of Carver Pond, Titicut, and Tuckerwood posted In the November 7, 2025, edition of the Buzz; they looked great. The Iron Works video is complete and should be posted in the Spring. The video shoot for Wyman North Fork Preserve will take place in the Spring.
 - c. **North Fork Conservation Area.** John Fitzgerald contacted town staff about posting a sign on the road that leads to the hiking trail. He was told higher approval would be needed. Mr. Casanova-Davis expressed his commitment to helping us get this done. Also, we should explore if CPC funds might be available for the creation of new trails in the town-owned land at this location.
 - d. **Tree Committee.** No report
 - e. **Community Preservation Committee.** We should explore with the CPC committee if a project to develop signs for the town parklands that would address both historic and open space elements is feasible.
 - f. **Hanson Farm.** An event to celebrate this project has been postponed until Spring. A attractive sign acknowledging the open space status of the property has been posted.
 - g. **Murray-Needs Farm Access.** Mr. Casanova-Davis was informed about this town-owned open space parcel. Better public access, especially parking, is needed and the committee has been working on this over the past year. The adjacent property on North St. that could provide access is still listed for sale.
- F. **Next meeting** – Wednesday, February 4, 2025, at 1:30 at the Academy Building and on Zoom.
- G. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.