

West Newbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Second-floor Meeting Room, Town Office Building

Present: Don Bourquard, John Dodge, Jean Lambert, Wendy Reed, Jessica Azenaro, scribe

Absent: Dan Carlat, Brad Buschur, Patricia Reeser, Marley Switzer

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

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- 1) **Bicentennial Walks** – John Dodge covering walks on Thursday, April 25, 2019 and Saturday, April 27, 2019 for Withers and Riverbend Bicentennial Walks with Carol Decker and Deb Hamilton. John Dodge to contact police chief regarding parking for Withers walk. Jessica Azenaro to email reminders and parking directions to attendees by Tuesday, April 23, 2019. Walk for Riverbend will be the Hayfield back Tupelo Loop.
- 2) **OSRP** – Wendy Reed stated the OSRP PDF is printed and mailed to DCR. PDF will be sent to print TBD copies and send to Angus for email blast after town meeting Monday, April 28, 2019.
- 3) **Land Trust Conference** – Jessica Azenaro presented materials from the Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition Conference on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Conference materials available via the massland.org website:
<http://massland.org/2019-conference-workshop-materials>
- 4) **Minutes Update** – Postponed until May 15 meeting.
- 5) **Trails Update** – Postponed until May 15 meeting.
- 6) **CPA Flyer Wrap-Up**- Committee member brainstorm session with Jean Lambert to refine wording on CPA Flyer. Research Massachusetts bill, “Act to Preserve Community Preservation” co-signed by representative Lenny Mirra (S.1618 or H.2463). John Dodge emailed Representative Mirra for quote on importance of matching 3% for CPA. Simplify wording for tax surcharge and use top projects list (e.g. – Page School roof). Ask other town committees for endorsement approvals. Once finalized on Monday, April 22, John Dodge/Marley Switzer to post on social media sites and Jessica Azenaro to post from list to in seven (7) town locations.
- 7) **Other Items**
 - a. **River Conservation Project Walk** – 1.5 mile walk with Greenbelt and Alyssa from the River Access Committee on Saturday, April 20, 2019. 9:00AM tour start time with interested public parties to endorse town meeting vote approval for \$75,000.00 from CPA funds. (Article 5).
 - b. **Talking Points** – CPA Fund talking points discussion for Open Space Committee members interested in speaking for Article 30.

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The next regular meeting of the OSC will be Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. on a motion by Don Bourquard, seconded by John Dodge.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Azenaro

cc: Town Clerk
John Dodge, website