

West Newbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Minutes - Final

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Wednesday, October 23, 2019
Second Floor Meeting Room, Town Office Building

Present: John Dodge, Don Bourquard, Wendy Reed, Marlene Switzer, Brad Buschur, Jean Lambert, Patricia Reeser, Carol Decker, and Jessica Azenaro, scribe

Guest: Ellen Alden

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

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- 1) **Land Information** - Ellen Alden
 - a. Advised to leave easement amendment to new owners
 - b. Deer Run Land Development holds deed – 66 Lockwood Land Boxford
 - c. Maps given by Ellen Alden for Open Space historical files
 - d. Darro property consideration – Old Town Hall – M. Switzer to speak with Darro, connect with Angus and BOS regarding main street connection.
- 2) **Sullivan Court Trails** – Wendy Reed
 - a. Developer deadline missed
 - b. NOI – Conservation Commission – Stop work November 1st
- 3) **Clean Fill Bylaw** – Wendy Reed
 - a. Research of surrounding towns – complicated definitions and may have issues with clean fill model language (e.g. – Salisbury)
 - b. Liz Callahan – EPA, Hazardous waste – Contact for advice
 - c. Testing – onus on developers for cubic yards. Testing oversight required for enforcement.
 - i. Petroleum
 - ii. Sieve analysis
 - d. Parameters – order of condition free of detritus
- 4) **Trail Hikes Wrap-Up** – Jessica Azenaro/Marley Switzer
 - a. Turnout - 10+ turnout for both Withers and Riverbend
 - b. Winter Hike Dates – TBD prior to February
- 5) **Mowing, Invasive Removal, Withers, Red Trail** – Carol Decker/John Dodge/All
 - a. Mowing/Haying
 - i. Targets – RFP to Wayne
 1. Riverbend – Septic fields, Hayfields
 2. Dunn
 3. Indian Hill Reservoir/Cherry Hill
 4. Cherry Hill
 - b. Red Trail -Deb Hamilton – ECTA 5K Grant start mowing the Red Trail
 - c. Cherry Hill – CR for view shed and tree line requirement. Russian Olive currently taking over.
 - d. Trees – Red trail/Mill Pond - 3 trees hanging low - Trim
 - e. Invasive Species
 - i. Mapping -iNaturalist project populating. Many native plants outnumber invasive species
 - ii. Plans – Bigger plan required using data. Con com training on removal; Winged Euonymus, Barberry. Need priority list criteria. (Withers)

- 6) **Blue Trail Bridge/Riverbend Update** – John Dodge/Marlene Switzer
 - a. Bridge Construction – complete
 - b. Orange Trail - Leaners – call on ECTA/Carol Lloyd – insurance and crew
 - c. Trail Maintenance Budget – separate line item – Wayne Amaral, subcategory for trail. Discuss for approval at Spring Town Meeting
- 7) **Crane Neck Easement** – Patricia Reeser
 - a. Job Swamp – town owned – filled with Phragmites that could degrade swamp area.
 - b. Area -20x30 area estimation to cut/treat – Approach Con Com for funding near Tewksbury Lane.
 - c. Drone – Fly over during Thanksgiving week – P. Reeser
 - d. Abutters – Permission from abutters – D. Bourquard and P. Reeser to approach abutters regarding access in winter for work
- 8) **All Access Trail** – Patricia Reeser
 - a. Firm search
 - i. No interest from approached firms
 - ii. ECTA – Carol Lloyd – J Dodge to contact for additional guidance
- 9) **Meeting Minutes** – Unanimous committee approval for September 11, 2019 meeting minutes as amended.
- 10) **All Other Business** - All
 - a. Coastal Trails – SPS New England, transportation improvement plan grant for alternative transportation. Work to be completed on connectors in Salisbury.
 - b. LOR – Tree committee – DCR challenge grant
 - c. River Road CR – to EEA (Executive Office of Environmental Affairs) approval
 - d. Brown Spring Farm – December closing w/Chris Grant
 - e. Bog Bridges – B. Buschur
 - i. NOI – Revision and resubmission expanding the scope of work to include ECTA for trail relocation, new trails, vegetation removal, boardwalks.
 - f. CSO Notifications

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The next meeting of the OSC will be Wednesday, November 20, 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Azenaro

cc: Town Clerk
John Dodge, website