

West Newbury Open Space Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Please Join Zoom or In-Person Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8960752005>

Meeting ID: 896 075 2005

Present: John Dodge, Graham Bacheller, Jean Lambert, Don Bourquard, Patricia Reeser, Marlene Switzer, Kathy Feehery, and Carol Decker, scribe

Guests: Wendy Reed

Absent: Jessica Azenaro,

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1) Trail Maps and Sign Updates

- a) Marlene S. would like a subcommittee to work together to update the Trail information. She would like to see it modeled after Boxford and Westford Open Space trails. She feels that we need to provide information on trails and accessibility as new people move into Town and can learn the value of open space. John D. had a conversation with Deb Hamilton and they had discussed a numbered trail system. Marlene S. would like to see the history for every trail written up and published. Marlene S. made a motion for a Trail subcommittee to research Town trails. Carol D. seconded. Motion passed.

2) Need a Chair for OSC

- a) John D. said he would be stepping down as Chair of the Open Space Committee in June. He hopes someone already on the OSC will take over as Chair.

3) Business not Anticipated

- a) Knapp Sale discussed. John Sarcus has bought the property and disappointing the owners would not discuss options with Greenbelt. Discussion about future talks to preserve any land and provide an easement to Job's Swamp.
- b) Discussion about Brad Bruschar's March request for CPC funds for Action Cove. It seems he did not have broad support and would get more estimates and rework his request.
- c) Request to send a Town-wide email blast to promote Starving for Darkness - How Exterior Lighting Affects Wildlife. John D. said he would do so.

4) Approve Minutes

a) Jean L. made a motion to approve the Feb 16, 2022 regular and executive session minutes and the March 16, 2022 meeting minutes. Marlene S. seconded and motion passed.

Carol D. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm; seconded by Don B. Motion carried.