

*West Newbury Open Space Committee*

**Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, March 16, 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, Jessica Azenaro, Marlene Switzer, Kathy Feehery, and Carol Decker, scribe

**Guests:** Brad Buschur

**Absent:** Patricia Reeser

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

**1) Report on Native Plantings at Pentucket Regional Middle and High School**

- a) Carol D. reported that there had been a meeting with Dore and Whittier Architects and Brown Sardina to review West Newbury Wild and Native recommendations to change out a number of the species that are on the US Invasive Species Atlas as well as to include more native plantings in the overall design. Based upon availability and size, the group agreed to change out 1, 547 non-native plants and replace them with native species. This includes native grasses, flowering shrubs, and flowering trees.

**2) CPA article for Bachelor Street and Action Cove**

- a) Brad B. discussed the recreation needs for the ball fields at Action Cove and sidewalks to connect the various fields. The OSC felt they needed more information before backing approval of CPC funds.

**3) Trail Maps for Pipestave Kiosks**

- a) Brad B. said the three kiosks at Pipestave, which are 4' x 8' have no trail maps and no trail information. He offered the assistance of the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission which could create GIS maps which would be more functional. He is working on a scope of work for the assessor to provide MVPC and coordinating with OSC and Mill Pond Committee to define map area and map attributes (for example, is the base map an aerial or USGS topo/are the trails color coded, do the intersections have numbers. Don B. said the Westford trail maps were made by MVPC and are very good. There was discussion about whether trails should be color coded and markers on

trails to assist when someone gets lost. Marley S. said we need to review all signage and trails on the website. Don B. said the Planning Board has an allotment of money for new maps. John D. said we would need all parties, such as OSC, Mill Pond Committee and others to come together to decide what is needed on a map. Discussion tabled and Brad B. said to let him know how to proceed.

#### **4) Approve Minutes**

- a) Minutes from the February OSC meeting and Executive Session were not approved as all members had not read them. Minutes will be sent out again in anticipation of approval at the April meeting.

Don B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm; seconded by Jean L. Motion carried.