

West Newbury Open Space Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Present: Patricia Reeser, Steve Greason, Jen Germain, John Dodge

The meeting began at 7:30 P.M.

1. **Brown Spring Farm** – The meeting started with an informal discussion about Brown Spring Farm and the potential farmer buyers.
2. **Open Space and Recreation Plan** - Patricia said she hoped there were informal drafts of each member's responsibility for the OSRP by the next meeting in September and wanted everyone to have their drafts ready by this next meeting.

Chapter 8 goals and objectives and Chapter 9 need to be reviewed by all. Someone needs to pull that material together. Jen Germain volunteered for Chap. 8. Steve and Don will take care of priority parcels with respect to Chapter 9.

Steve volunteered to pull together the master document for printing. There was discussion about how we review all the sections - in a meeting or over e-mail. Drafts will be circulated and then discussed in the September meeting. Jean and Brad are compiling the survey. Chapter 1 summary is being done by Patricia with help from Steve (chair typically does this).

Patricia urged that we attribute and source all statements of fact in the master plan. We agreed to put that in the narrative or in the captions instead of formal footnotes. Appendices will go at the end of section. Everybody is responsible for the appendices they need.

Patricia will find who the WN ADA coordinator is. Patricia took notes for myriad items when we reviewed what the OSC has accomplished since formulation of the prior five-year OSRP.

P. 99, Section - Passive Recreation and Active Recreation needs to be reviewed to see if there have been any changes. What new fields and facilities? Are there one or two softball fields at the Page School? One member asked if the summer recreation program still exists? All to be answered.

Jocelyn Cosentino will do photos for the master plan.

3. **Annual Report** - Patricia will compile the list of accomplishments since 2009. Among many mentioned were Withers, trail plans, Dunn Farm, Ocean Meadow, Sullivan's Court, trail hikes, Coffin St., signage for Riverbend, money for appraisals, advocating for certain parcels, monitoring proposals, library displays about easements and Chapter 61, holding another open space night for land owners with more than five acres of land and lobbying for town to keep CPA tax at 3%.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Dodge