

West Newbury Open Space Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Please Join Zoom or In-Person Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 896 075 2005

Present: Graham Bacheller, Jean Lambert, John Dodge, Don Bourquard, Patricia Reeser, Jessica Azenaro and Carol Decker, scribe

Absent: Marlene Switzer, David Parrott

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Sawmill Brook Promotion

This is a unique opportunity to add acreage to the largest open space and recreation area in West Newbury. There is concern there may be push back at Town Meeting not to accept this parcel which would be unfortunate. John D. will read the Article to support funding for Sawmill Brook at Town Meeting on April 24, 2023. Patricia R. said she would email Jenn Solis to consider a Newburyport News article on Sawmill Brook. John D. said he would post on West Newbury People. Committee members are encouraged to remind people to show up at Town Meeting and support this article.

River Road Climate Change Letter

Graham B. said we have been asked to support the Energy and Sustainability Committee's pursuit of a grant for River Road erosion control. Carol D. made a motion that we support the Energy and Sustainability Committee's request for a letter of support. Seconded by Graham B. Motion carried. Graham B. will send the letter.

Invasive Article

Graham B. said he would call the Town Clerk and have the exact language for the Invasive Article to be read at Town Meeting by Carol D. The article will be read and then the Moderator will open it up for discussion.

Kiosk at River Bend

There has been an inquiry from a potential Eagle Scout to do a trail maintenance project. Discussion focused on having the project be a new kiosk and trail marking system at River Bend. Graham B. and Michelle G. have been working on a trail maintenance plan. They wonder if they could incorporate the ECGA trail app to report issues on West Newbury trails.

MBTA Housing

Brief discussion on the MBTA meeting, possible properties for the housing and the As of Right Zoning..

Approve Minutes

Minutes from past meeting not approved

Motion to Adjourn: Patricia R. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jessica A. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Decker, Scribe