

West Newbury Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes (Incomplete)

July 15, 2015

Attendees: Patricia Reeser, Brad Buschur, and other unnamed committee members sufficient for a quorum.

Guests: Vanessa Johnson from Greenbelt may have been in attendance.

1. **Beaucher:** The developer, Green and Company, is no longer interested in the project; the Planning Board's review of development concept identified a range of issues; reconciling owner's asking price and appraised value has led to protracted negotiations; property is good connection to former NEER North facility on River Road, which could be on market soon. Good interest from Greenbelt due to 80-acre size.
2. **Hurd Property on Kimball:** Former sheep 8 acre farm; 3 ANR lots; Mark Dickinson is broker; property believed to be in 61a.

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3. **SSJE & Rogers:** Two parcels containing 60+ acres adjacent to Artichoke Reservoir. SSJE interested in selling CR and Rogers interested in selling fee. Good potential for state funds due to proximity to wellhead and drinking water reservoir. Good interest from Greenbelt.
4. **Daiey Field:** OSC to reach out to Parks and Recreation Committee to see if they have any interest in the property.

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5. **Riverbend bridge work:** Kelly donated \$5,000 to assist with project. Bridges being constructed to facilitate stream crossings and mitigate erosion. Discussion revolved around signage for horses and or use restrictions during wet months.
6. **Lord / Kelly Easement:** Trail easement conflict. ECTA talking to attorney.
7. **Sullivan North Easement:** No discussion. Board to request if easement has been drafted.
8. **Town of West Newbury Open Space and Recreation Plan:** Board to contact state to establish when plan expires.
9. **Insight Meditation Center:** Private sign posted by Center implies no public parking. Board to request Town Clerk to prepare letter requesting Insight Meditation to remove signs.
10. **Riverbend:** Scofflaws wrote graffiti on bridge and have been sentenced to community service. Discussion of trail service projects focused on red dot trail and brush clearing. Trail sub-committee will manage project with scofflaws.
11. **Board Business:** Patricia Reeser nominated and unanimously approved as Committee Chair, Brad Buschur approved as Associate Committee member.

Brad Buschur, Scribe