

## May 15, 2013 Open Space Committee Minutes

**Attending:** Steve Greason, Felicity Beech, Don Bourquard, Dawn Fusco, Alice O'Leary, Patricia Reeser, Jennifer Germain, Jean Lambert, Chris Trim (in part).

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

1. **Minutes:** The April 24 minutes were approved as amended.
2. **Hunting Committee Report:** Chris Trim presented a comprehensive and informative report from the committee appointed by the BOS. Chris requested feedback about having a three-month period of bow hunting on public land as the most effective way of controlling the deer overpopulation.
3. **Daley Property:** Tom Flaherty was expected to attend to address a new plan to seek Federal aid to develop the land behind the American Legion for Soc and Rec purposes.
4. **Riverbend Bridge:** Steve will speak with Mike McCarron on the next step for this project which has been voted \$40,000 of CPA money at Town Meeting. Con Com needs to approve a Notice of Intent and will be discussing this at upcoming meetings.
5. **River Meadow Park:** Steve will seek permission from Con Com for a sign designating this as a river access location.
6. **Ferry Landing Park:** Steve reported on the plans, initiated by OSC, for the State-owned property to be developed as dock for small craft and a possible separate fishing pier. This would take two to three years and be a \$500,000 project. Discussions with Jack Shepherd, Director of the State Public Access Board, and WN DPW are ongoing.
7. **Withers Conservation Area (Middle Street):** Trails on and access to this piece of property with frontage on the Artichoke River were discussed.
8. **Featured Trails Exhibits at GAR Library:** Jean described a series of exhibits which featured and highlighted different trails. She has been working with the library to make this a regular display beginning this summer.
9. **Groveland Trail Activity at Brake Hill:** This was discussed as well a presentation at the Bagnall School to encourage more student exploration of the of the open space opportunities nearby.
10. **OSC Membership:** Patricia has been appointed as a voting member. The OSC recommends Alice O'Leary as a new member and that Don be reappointed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Felicity Beech*