

West Newbury Open Space Committee

Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Please Join Zoom or In-Person Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 896 075 2005

Present: Graham Bacheller, Marlene Switzer, Patricia Reeser, Jean Lambert, & Carol Decker, scribe

Absent: JohnDodge, Don Bourquard, Jessica Azenaro

Guests: Wendy Reed

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

Update to Cortland Lane Parking

Town-owned land off Cortland Lane is the area designated for a 2-3 car parking area for the Coffin Street property. Two abutters do not want parking there and would like to see parking on the cul-de-sac. There will be a follow-up meeting with abutters, Greenbelt and Town.

Mill Pond Accessible Trail

Patricia R. was scheduled to have a meeting with Brad Buschur and Robyn Pendergast to discuss the Mill Pond Accessible Trail, but they could not meet. The meeting will need to be rescheduled for the near future to come to agreement on the breadth of the project so this can be approved by the Select Board.

Open Space Fall Hike

Jean L. said the proposed OSC walk date of October 2 is the same day as the Newburyport Jeanne Geiger Walk Against Domestic Violence, which is scheduled from 8-11am that day. However, this was the best date for the walk leaders so the date will be Oct 2. Learning about Invasive plants will be a highlight and plants should still have foliage for identification on this earlier date. Walk will be at the River Road Conservation Area. Patricia R said it would be good to co-sponsor with WN2 as they worked with the interns along with focus on invasive species. Everyone agreed. Members spoke of the importance of Indigenous Peoples in the area, along with the Coffin Stream Assemblage. Jean L will contact Kristine Malpica to see if she can come and speak on native history of the area. Further discussion on hike and more to do through emails to prepare for hike.

Motion to Adjourn: Carol D. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Patricia R.

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.