

West Newbury Open Space Committee

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Please Join Zoom or In-Person Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 896 075 2005

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1 Proposed Con ComBy-Laws

- a) Kathy F. spoke about the Conservation Commission's proposed by-law which was not voted on at the May Annual Town Meeting as there was so much misunderstanding about it. The by-law will further protect wetlands by adding jurisdiction around vernal pools. The Commission had numerous hearings asking for input to the by-law, but few people attended. Kathy asked for ideas on how to get residents to more fully understand the new by-law as hopefully it will be up for vote at the next town meeting.

2) New Chair for OSC

- a) John D. talked with Graham B. about chairing the Open Space Committee and he accepted. Graham will take over as Chair when John steps down following the June meeting.

3) Knapp Sale Update

- a) John D. had a lengthy conversation with John Sarkis. who is advising the Marshalls on the sale of their land. Nothing has been decided. OCS is interested in a trail linking to Job's Swamp.

4) OSC Representative Needed for Community Preservation Committee

- a.) Patricia R has served and would like a committee member to step up and replace her. There are only a few meetings a year.

5) Approve Minutes

- a.) April minutes were approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.