

West Newbury Open Space Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Present: Brad Buschur, Jean Lambert, Jennifer German, Steve Greason, Patricia Reeser, John Dodge

The meeting began at 7:38.

1. Deb Schnappauf, a West Newbury resident, came to ask why the Ocean Meadow Trail was not open yet. Steve Greason addressed the question explaining that there are small outstanding issues. He said that the Condo Association is in the process of taking over the reins from the developer. He thought the trail would be open to the public by Thanksgiving.
2. The committee went into executive session from 7:47 to 9:12.
3. On Oct. 19 there was a ConCom hearing on trail work at Riverbend. Steve addressed this meeting and suggested closing the trail to horses due to muddy conditions from March 15 - May 15 of each year. The ConCom suggested building wider bridges to accommodate the horses.
4. Parking Issue at Withers: Mike McCarron wrote a letter to the landowner to address the violations that are occurring there.
5. Whetstone Greenway: On Nov. 1 at 8:00 a.m. there will be a ConCom site walk of Sullivan and Whetstone. The purpose is to walk the trail to the Merrimack River and check out the water crossing between the end of Sullivan Court and River Meadow Drive. Steve will be showing the ConCom what work needs to be done.
6. Discussed a new idea for the library exhibit:
 - Why buy more open space?
 - Explain the build out concept and its tax consequences
 - Explain the value of Open Space
7. Annual Report is due Dec. 10. Steve would like to write it as it encompassed his tenure.
8. Fall hike was discussed as a great success and thanks were given to all who participated.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer W. Germain