

**West Newbury Open Space Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2015**

Meeting began at 7:45 p.m. Attendees: Patricia Reeser, Jean Lambert, Don Bourquard, Dawne Fusco, Brad Buschur, John Dodge and Steve Greason, who recorded the minutes.

1. **Minutes:** Discussed meeting schedule for upcoming 2016 season. Members assigned to record minutes from January to June.
2. **Conference Updates:** Discussed recent Mass DCR trail conference and Greenbelt's Chapter 61 Program conference. The town's right of first refusal was addressed for the two lots for sale for the Hurd property, located at 2 Kimball Road, land coming out of Chapter 61A status. Patricia to contact Mike McCarron, Town Council, about the latest development with the town's ROFR procedures.
3. **Priority Parcel Update:** Dawne spoke about a recent site walk on the Hurd property with the conservation commission and the developer. The site is subdivided into two ANR lots. Brad spoke about the Daley property at 365 Main Street. The site includes two parcels containing 22 acres. The developer, Cottage Advisors, presented plans to the Planning Board for "Drakes Landing," a proposed 15-lot subdivision with duplexes. Neighbors are concerned about the 2,400' cul-de-sac and potential issues with drainage and wetlands. Next step is a plan review with the Conservation Commission. Other priority parcels discussed were Grew, Beaucher and Walker, which recently sold to Greenbelt for \$500,000.
4. **61 Assistance Request:** NEER North at 52 Ash Street. Patricia to contact Mary Martin about selling development rights and options for NEER to put a portion of the field into conservation. This site is currently listed as Chapter 61B Recreation.
5. **Withers:** Steve to install new trail maps featuring parking in the town's right of way.
6. **Ocean Meadow:** OSC to ask Planning Board for what trail easements and special permits exist. The fence between abutters Lord and Kelly was discussed. Steve finished trail connecting Ocean Meadow to the Maina Trail around the community garden and walked the new trail on December 15th with four Ocean Meadow Board Members.
7. **Whetstone Greenway:** Water Department staked out the water lines where the new trail will be going from River Meadow Drive to the end of Sullivan's Court. Water Dept. has requested the trail be located 10' to either side of the water line.
8. **Library Exhibit:** Plans discussed to feature poster with map showing Chapter 61 lands in town.
9. **Updating the Open Space Plan:** OSC discussed new OSRP due in 2016. Dawne suggested passing out the survey at the Spring Town Meeting. Brad distributed information from Mass EEA website.

The committee adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Greason