

West Newbury Open Space Committee

MINUTES

June 15, 2016

Attending: Patricia Reeser, Dawn Fusco, Don Bourquard, Jean Lambert, Jennifer Germain, John Dodge, Steve Greason. Guest: Vanessa Johnson, Greenbelt.

Patricia called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM.

1. **Expense Report** - Reviewed and signed necessary expense report.
2. **Minutes** - John Dodge will take minutes in July; Don Bourquard to take minutes in August. Jennifer Germain made a motion to accept the May minutes, John Dodge seconded, and they were accepted unanimously.
3. **Affordable Housing** - Discussion on Affordable Housing - of the sites Coffin Street vs. Mullen Property. The committee recommended the following:
 "We recommend that the Affordable Housing Committee not pursue the Coffin St. lot due to wetlands, existing trails, and habitat for endangered species. Furthermore, we recommended pursuing the Mullen property mainly because it is centrally located and not being used for anything."
Patricia proposed the motion, Dawn seconded it, and the motion was unanimously approved. Dawn said she could possibly represent the OSC on the Affordable Housing Committee.
4. **New Harmony Farm** - The owner has decided to hold off on an appraisal until the end of summer. There will be no further action by the Town until then.
5. **Brown Spring Farm** - Potential buyers to farm organically.
6. **Riverbend Hike** - John Dodge and Deb Hamilton will lead a Greenbelt-sponsored walk on June 26. John is planning the route with Deb. Parking will be in back of Page School.
7. **Executive Session** - A motion to move to Executive Session was made by Patricia, and seconded by John Dodge. The group voted unanimously in favor. At 9:10 P M the regular meeting resumed.
8. **Planning for revising the OSRP** -
 - Question for Brad: should we input all the paper ballots?
 - Survey results will dictate how the plan continues.
 - July 1: meet at Patricia's to go over survey results.
9. **Priority Parcels** -
 - Steve and Don are working on updating the priority parcel list.
 - Addresses will be published as well as parcel #'s.
 - They propose that all Chapter 61 parcels be priority parcels.
 - They are looking at all 61-A parcels to see if they should be on the priority list.
10. **OSRP Plan Cover** - It was proposed that Joycelyn Consentino be approached to do a painted picture for the cover. Jennifer will follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Germain