

West Newbury Open Space Committee
Minutes for the Meeting of April 16th, 2014

Members in attendance were Don Bourquard, Jean Lambert, Elisa Grammer, and Dawne Fusco, scribe. Patricia Reeser joined at 7:45PM. Mike McCarron, Town Counsel, and Paul Young were also present.

Chairman Steve Greason called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

1. **Riverbend** – Town Counsel Mike McCarron brought the group up-to-date on the bidding for materials for the bridge project. We will be using materials from Tedford & Martin Inc. in Ipswich. Steve made a motion to accept the bid from Tedford & Martin Inc. It was seconded by Patricia and approved by all.
 - AmeriCorps will be using the Mill Pond area for three weeks while they do the construction.
 - In addition, we will have seniors from the high school move materials to the site on their Senior Day of Service. They will work under the direction of Bob Weatheral. DPW will assist. Steve will contact the Guidance person from the high school for help in organizing the student volunteers.
 - This project looks like it will come in under budget.
 - We were also informed of the selectmen's concern about an article on the Town Meeting warrant to cover \$7000 for labor. Steve will call for no action on this article.
 - Mike McCarron left the meeting.
2. **Brake Hill** - Paul Young told us that the Brake hill Trail has been extended. He would like to see the addition of four new markers along the extension and he requested a call before the markers are installed.
3. **Ferry Landing** – Steve presented an update on this project. He made a motion to say “No” to Article 6. Patricia seconded this. The motion failed.
 - Steve then made a motion to rescind Article 7. Jean seconded. This passed.
 - Patricia feels that we should take no stand on this project as a committee.
 - We agreed that information in support of this project will be removed from the OSC website. Steve will speak individually as a town citizen in advocating for the project.
4. **Atherton Land** - Information about the purchase of this land is to be added to the website. Don made a motion to support Article 13. Patricia seconded this and it passed. Patricia moved to support the selectmen and take no action on Article 12. Don seconded this motion and it passed. We discussed how this topic will be brought to the town at Town Meeting and will discuss the matter further with Vanessa Johnson of Greenbelt.
5. **Library Exhibit** – We recognized Jean for the great job she is doing on the library OS exhibits. The current one focuses on the Atherton property. Vanessa helped with materials and wording.
6. **Town Trail Meeting Summit** - Jennifer and Steve were able to attend this meeting. Pat Huckery, from NorthEast Fish and Wildlife, does not want some of their trails to be on our maps. We discussed the new rail trail. There will be another meeting on this in six months.
7. **Minutes** – We voted to accept the minutes from our January meeting with corrections as well as minutes from the February and March meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawne Fusco