

**West Newbury Open Space Committee
MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Present: Felicity Beech, Dawne Fusco, Steve Greason, Patricia Reeser, Alice O'Leary, and Jean Lambert.

The meeting began at 7:55 P.M.

1. **Minutes** - The June minutes were unanimously approved. Minutes for January 2013 are still outstanding.
2. **OSC Expenses and Budget** - Steve summarized the current state of the OSC budget and expenses. He explained that we exceeded our budget by \$80.00 this budget year and will be reimbursed from other town accounts. He also suggested presenting an increased OSC budget to fall town meeting. This increase, recommended by the Finance Committee, would be due to our increased activity and the projected expenses attached to that. Steve proposed as well that we address a by-law change at town meeting to allow meeting attendees to attend by remote technology.
3. **Sullivan Property** - Steve shared that he had attended a Planning Board meeting with the Sullivan property owner and his landscape developer. Steve showed the group how a trail system might work on this property.
4. **Emery House Meeting** - Steve reported that the SSJE trail map is finished. He discussed the map he had completed working with the Society, noting what trails were open and what ones were closed. Steve also shared what he knew about other SSJE trail planning. He indicated that he will have a future meeting with the SSJE after the monks discuss trails on this parcel further.
5. **ECTA Notice for Riverbend Project** - Steve reported that he had talked with Carol Lloyd from ECTA. ECTA will handle the permits for the Riverbend bridge project as well as the Notice of Intent, paying for this using a grant.

Steve also shared a site plan he had created for the Riverbend bridge. This will serve as a starting point for a more detailed site plan required by the permitting process. Engineering plans have already started.

6. **Goals and Objectives** - Jean updated the group on the featured summer trail exhibit she is setting up in the town library as part of the OSC outreach and education effort.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Lambert