

**West Newbury Open Space**  
*Minutes for Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

**Members present:** Steve Greason, Chair, Don Bourquard, Jean Lambert, Felicity Beech, Jennifer Germain, Patricia Reeser, Alice O'Leary, and Dawne Fusco, Scribe.

**Prospective New Member:** Mike Sabulis

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM.

1. **Fact-Finding on Water Access at Ferry Landing:** Jack Sheppard, an engineer working for the Commonwealth and invited by Steve, talked about improving water access at state-owned Ferry Landing through the development of a new boat ramp and pier. The state looks to build at least one new pier each year and to date has constructed around 450. At Ferry Landing, the state would like to see about 12 trailer parking spaces in addition to about 6 spaces for cars and handicapped spaces because of the amount of money it takes to build the pier and redo the ramp. There was general discussion about this idea. It was noted that if Church St. does not remain closed when the company working on the bridge leaves, there can be little work done to the area to improve parking for water access. Steve proposed that we ask the selectmen to get a sense of the Town on the water access issue. Felicity seconded the motion and it passed. We discussed getting Town groups such as Parks & Rec and the Garden Club involved in this project.
2. **Fall Trail Hike:** This will be October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM on our newest trail at the Withers property. Jean has prepared a chart for jobs that need to be done to get ready for the hike based on what committee members volunteered for. The walk should take 30 minutes.
3. **Riverbend Project Update:** A Notice of Intent for the Riverbend project has been completed and submitted to the selectmen for review. It will then be sent to the Con Com for an Order of Conditions.
4. **Sullivan Trail Easement:** The plan for the Sullivan property was discussed. There is a need to have parking near the trail head. This is being worked on by the Planning Board and Con Com. There is also a problem with the connection to River Meadows which Con Com has been notified of. The OSC feels that Cottage Advisors should construct this trail and build the connection while working on the subdivision.
5. **Grant Workshop:** A Mass DCR Grant workshop will be held Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30PM in Stoneham. Patricia will try to attend. Mike will also try to attend.
6. **OSC Membership:** The membership of the committee was discussed. Steve moved that he ask the selectmen to appoint Mike Sabulis as an associate member and Dawne Fusco as a voting member. Jen seconded this motion and it passed.
7. **OSC Budget:** Steve informed us that our budget increase to \$750.00 was approved by the Fin Com. This request will now go to town meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50PM. Jen moved to adjourn. Steve seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawne Fusco