

## **September 19, 2012 Open Space Committee Minutes**

Attending: Jennifer Germain, Jean Lambert, Felicity Beech, Steve Greason, Patricia Reeser, Don Bourquard, Barry LaCroix.

The meeting opened at 7:40 p.m.

1. **Meeting Minutes:** Both the April and August Minutes were approved.
2. **Participation in Apple Harvest Road Race:** Jean will do a flyer and take them to the Apple Harvest Road Race on Sept. 30. Jean also suggested having a banner made to put up at public events. It was suggested that it read:

*Come Enjoy!*  
West Newbury Open Space  
[www.westnewburyopenspace.net](http://www.westnewburyopenspace.net)

Jean will order the banner.

3. **Trail Easement Promotional Info:** There was discussion about an inventory of the trail easements being done, most of which are in the OSC Plan. There was also discussion about possibly doing a map showing all the present easements. We are looking to adopt ECTA easements information as supporting information for the document that the OSC is trying to put together.

The Society of St. John's was brought up and briefly discussed as a future site of a possible easement.

4. **Guest** Jack McNamara from Maple Street spoke to us about the history of his family farm in town and the importance of keeping farming alive in West Newbury. He is very interested in the "Right to Farm" bill and would like to see one in West Newbury. Jennifer agreed to speak to The Artichoke Farm and see if they are familiar with the "Right to Farm Bill." Mr. McNamara also suggested that the Farm Bureau Federation has been helpful to many communities in keeping farm land for farming. It was agreed that further discussion of this would be put on the October Agenda.

5. **Ocean Meadow Project:** The bridge project is almost complete with just a few small things to be finished. The weekend that most of the work was done was a big success and thanks were given to all who helped.

6. **Fall Hike at Dunn:** The fall hike will take place on October 13 at 11:00 AM to showcase the work done on the Ocean Meadow boardwalk and the newly marked trails on the former Dunn property. There will be a supply of snacks and Barry will ask Long Hill Orchards to donate apples and cider.

The route will start at Chase Street at Dunn , a ¼ mi. from Rte 113. From there, people will walk to the boardwalk area of the Ocean Meadow trail and then turn around and follow the red, yellow, and orange marked trails on the Dunn property.

- Steve will put marker posts in and mark trails as well as create a map of the area.
- Jean will create the flyer and coordinate email distribution. Jennifer and Jean will post flyers.
- Felicity will send information to the *Newburyport Daily News*.
- Patricia will provide snacks and cups.
- Jennifer will paint markers.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jennifer Germain*