

## *West Newbury Open Space Committee*

### Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2015

Present: Jennifer Germain, Don Bourquard, Steve Greason, Jean Lambert, Patricia Reeser, Alice O'Leary, and Mike Sabulis.

The meeting commenced at 7:40 PM.

#### Agenda Items:

1. Discussed putting the write-up for former long time OSC member Mike Mokrzycki, who passed away December 19, 2014, on the OSC website. Will ask Mike Mokrzycki's wife if she knows the account number for the host website for the Open Space (independent from the town site).
2. The new Riverbend foot bridge project with ECTA and the crossing sites for 4 stream beds (not permanent structures) discussed and possible bridge designs reviewed. Don suggested that we look at the bridge structures at the Tattersall Farm in Haverhill. The structures need to meet ConCom regulations.
3. Sullivan North Property right of first refusal (ROFR) is not going forward. The developer is willing to put trails on the property. The town is not going to purchase the Sullivan North Property.
4. Mary Martin wants to attend an OSC meeting to learn how the town could help her purchase 50 Ash Street for \$100,000.00. She was informed that she needed to apply for a CPA grant due February 4, 2015. Discussed purchasing the Ash Street property, no action taken.
5. Discussed the library exhibit to explain easements and their locations throughout the town and their role in the community.
6. Steve Greason proposed meeting with the CPC Board on January 16, 2015 about placing a town warrant article for the spring meeting to purchase properties (80 acres Beaucher and 30 acres Grew properties). Vanessa Johnson from Greenbelt presented and told OSC that the Grew property was not ready for sale, but the Beaucher property is currently interested in selling. The values and the pros and cons of each property were reviewed. Also, the possibility of a water source on the Grew property was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm. Jen moved to adjourn. Steve seconded.

Alice O'Leary, Scribe