

## *West Newbury Open Space Committee*

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018  
Second-floor Meeting Room, Town Office Building

**Present:** Jessica Azenaro, Don Bourquard, Dan Carlat, John Dodge, Jean Lambert, Wendy Reed, Patricia Reeser, Marley Switzer, scribe

**Absent:** Brad Buschur

**Guests:** Angus Jennings, Town Manager; Claudia Woods-Estin

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Town Manager Angus Jennings was present at the invitation of the OSC to discuss matters of mutual concern. He detailed the background and status of research to clarify the Management Plan for the Pipestave/Mill Pond Recreation Area. David Rimmer, Greenbelt Director of Land Stewardship, and Ryan Goodwin, Mill Pond Committee Chairman, are working closely with Angus to arrive at a mutually satisfactory resolution of some procedural errors in the adoption and amendment of the Management Plan by the Greenbelt Board and West Newbury Town Meeting. All entities involved will be identified and invited to provide input: Mill Pond Committee, ConCom, OSC, BOS and the RecCom. Town Counsel has been consulted about the RecCom request for a dog park in the new Management Plan.

Angus also outlined efforts to establish well defined, accurate boundary lines for the Pipestave Recreation area. In advance of the October Special Town Meeting, he sought good base mapping for the warrant article regarding Dunn Fields. When he discovered the Greenbelt map was "conceptual," Angus asked for an accurate description of what was on record. After he and David Rimmer walked Pipestave, Greenbelt prepared a draft boundary line agreement that could become a map of record.

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Patricia Reeser updated the status of Greenbelt negotiations to purchase the Hufnagel property. The Purchase & Sale details are being worked out, but Greenbelt will co-sponsor the OSC application for CPA funds in advance of the Dec. 20 CPC meeting. Jessica Azenaro made a motion, John Dodge, seconded, to authorize Patricia Reeser to file an application to the Community Preservation Committee for allocation of \$75,000 to assist Greenbelt in funding the purchase of the Hufnagel property, and to purchase a CR for the Town following the property purchase by Greenbelt. In favor: Jessica Azenaro, Don Bourquard, John Dodge, Patricia Reeser, Marlene Switzer; Abstained: Jean Lambert (abutter).

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Re: a potential trail improvement grant, John suggested building a bridge in Riverbend on the abandoned section of River Road. Don was concerned about having to do the work first, then applying for reimbursement.

Discussion of accessible trail possibilities, the most likely being the trail along the river to the Indian River Bridge. For ADA trail modifications, Angus mentioned consulting the state architectural access board specs.

Don suggested posting trail problems on the website. The site could be a good way to find and attract volunteers. John will add to the website: steward's report on trail conditions, a call for volunteers, and the Trail Management Plan. Angus will send John a waiver to post for volunteers (minors and adults) to sign. Angus suggested meeting with the new DPW director re: support for trail maintenance.

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Minutes of the Nov. 13 regular meeting were approved (Jean Lambert, motion; Jessica Azenaro, second). Minutes of the Nov. 13 Executive Session were approved with changes (Jessica, motion; Jean second).

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene Switzer

**cc: Town Clerk**  
**John Dodge, website**