

West Newbury Open Space Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018

Present: Jessica Azenaro, John Dodge, Steve Greason, Jean Lambert, Wendy Reed, Patricia Reeser and Marley Switzer (your scribe)

Absent: Don Bourquard, Brad Buschur

Guest: Dan Carlat, Old Wharf Road; Vanessa Johnson-Hall, Essex County Greenbelt

The regular meeting began at 7:15 p.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room, West Newbury Town Hall.

- Minutes of three previous meetings were distributed & unanimously accepted (May 18, 2016 & Jan. 18, 2017; Dec. 20, 2017, as amended) on a motion by Jean Lambert, seconded by John Dodge.
- The committee members shared updates on priority parcels: Beaucher has filed a proposal for the SWEB project that will go before the Planning Board next month. And the Hufnagel situation is on hold until spring.
- The committee members were reminded about pending deadlines: Feb. 7 for submission of Spring Town Meeting warrant articles to the BOS; Feb. 9 for applications for projects and funding to the Community Preservation Committee.

Patricia Reeser announced that the regular meeting would be interrupted for an Executive Session at 7:24 p.m. The regular meeting reopened at 8:40 p.m.

- Dan Carlat, representing a new group of residents interested in preserving open space, spoke informally with the committee. He shared that the Planning Board has signed off on a special permit for the Drake's Landing residential development. Dan suggested creating a land trust as a way to channel the interests of the group that he recently organized through Facebook. With Dan's group in mind, Patricia pointed out that holding a public forum to discuss methods of land conservation could be an OSC goal in its Open Space and Recreation Plan.

A working session for the OSRP is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 29, 2-4 p.m., in the Second Floor Meeting Room at Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m., following a motion by Jessica Azenaro, seconded by Jean Lambert.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, 7 p.m., in the Second Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Switzer

Cc: Michael McCarron, Town Hall records
Steve Greason, Town Open Space website