

West Newbury Open Space Committee
Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, March 28, 2018
Second-Floor Meeting Room, Town Office Building

Present: Don Bourquard, Brad Buschur, John Dodge, Steve Greason, Jean Lambert, Wendy Reed, Patricia Reeser, and Marley Switzer

Absent: Jessica Azenaro

The OSC meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. Members approved minutes, as amended, of the following meetings: Feb. 28 (regular), motion by Patricia Reeser, second by Jean Lambert; Feb. 28 (executive), motion by Marley Switzer, second by John Dodge; March 14 (executive), motion by John Dodge, second by Marley Switzer

Patricia discussed highlights of the Mass. Land Trust Conference. Of great interest was a seminar on the beneficial effects of open space on people's health.

Update on Coffin Street solar proposal: Planning Board delayed a vote; FinCom voted "no."

Wendy clarified that a RDA could be filed for maintaining trail corridors. Public notice fee \$130. This would cover cleaning up fallen trees in the spring and cutting back overgrowth in the fall. She recommended that the OSC devise a trail maintenance plan. This would demonstrate to the ConsCom that the OSC is being cognitive of the need for a plan. Wendy can provide a state Best Practices Plan for trail corridors. Brad volunteered to draft language for the RDA.

Site walks of the Hufnagel property have been postponed until a thaw, which is required to auger into the soil to delineate wetlands.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m., by motion of Steve Greason, second by Jean Lambert. The next regular OSC meeting will be Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Switzer

cc: Town Clerk, file
Steve Greason, website