

# TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

## Open Space Committee



Academy Building - 66 Central Square  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

### **Bridgewater Open Space Committee Agenda for the Meeting Convening on Thursday, June 16, 2022 @ 7:00 PM**

**Disclosure:** Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting of the Open Space Committee for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom or Facebook Live.

Link to join meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81641983127>

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#### **Call to Order at 7:00 PM**

#### **Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2022**

#### **Public Comment**

#### **Old Business:**

- Letter sent to Community & Economic Development Subcommittee on 5/24/2022 re: *Discontinuance of the Abandoned Portion of Lakeside Drive*
- Wyman Meadows update – Eileen
- Posting parks information on Town website – Lauren Webb
- Tree Committee update - Eileen/Maureen

#### **New Business:**

- Notice of proposed expansion of Lakeshore Development Filed with State under MEPA - <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/MEPA-eMonitor/home>
  - Zoom meeting and site visit held
  - Scope of project and impacts
- New Parks and Recreation Director; new Park Steward

**Next Meeting: July 28? – 7pm**

**Adjournment**

**Town of Bridgewater Open Space Committee**  
**May 19, 2022 - 7:00 pm**  
**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members present:** Eileen Hiney, Chair, Kevin Mandeville, Lauren Webb

**Members absent:** Nicole Holmes, Maureen Minasian

**Call To Order:** A quorum was present. The meeting, held on Zoom, was called to order at 7:10 pm.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the draft minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting was made by Kevin, seconded by Lauren and unanimously approved. A motion to approve the draft minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting was made by Lauren, seconded by Kevin and unanimously approved.

**Public Comment:** No comments were made.

**New Business:**

- **Lake Nippenicket Action Focus Team Proposal.**

Melissa Ramondetta introduced a proposal from the Lake Nippenicket Action Focus Team, (LNAFT) a group of residents of Lakeshore Drive who are seeking the support of local stakeholders and potential partners to explore the town's possible acquisition of approximately 2-acres of land next to the Lake Nippenicket boat ramp and parking lot. In February 2020, Claremont Companies proposal to develop a waterfront restaurant on this property. LNAFT is proposing that the residence at 23 Lakeside Drive and adjacent parcels be purchased by the Town to preserve open space by creating a pocket park and walking path and put the land under a permanent conservation restriction. The Action Team intends to apply to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for funds to support this proposal and is asking that the Open Space Committee act as sponsor on the CPC application. After discussion, Lauren moved that the OSC be the sponsoring committee to support the project proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for the preservation of the approximately two acres of land, including 23 Lakeside Drive and adjacent parcels, in order to protect open space and the Lake Nippenicket shoreline. Kevin seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- **Lake Nippenicket Petition: *Discontinuance of the Abandoned Portion of Lakeside Drive.*** Kevin moved that the OSC submit a letter to the CED Subcommittee, as circulated prior to the meeting, opposing the abandonment proposal submitted by the Claremont company concerning portions of Lakeside Drive adjacent to the Lake Nippenicket boat ramp. Lauren seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
- **Submission of letters of support for grant applications: 1) Old State Farm Trail; 2) Stiles & Hart.** Pursuant to action taken at the 2/2022 meeting, Eileen submitted a letter of support to Kitty Doherty, Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater, for the Old State Farm Trail. The letter requested by State funds for Stiles & Hart was not submitted as it could not be approved by this committee prior to the January submittal deadline.
- **Wyman Meadows.** Eileen will contact Eric Boyer and Wildlands Trust (WT) to discuss moving ahead with development of plans for trails on the town conservation land and the adjacent property owned by WT.
- **Website information for Town Parklands.** Eileen reported that she spoke with Steve Solbo about the procedures for getting materials posted on the town website. Steve said that every department is in charge of its own posting. With this in mind it makes sense for this committee to examine the town website and determine where we think it would be most beneficial to the public to post these

parklands materials. The descriptions are currently on the town web site but are not easy to find. Lauren will look into where and how to get this informational material posted.

- **Tree Committee Report.** Eileen reported that Ray Ajemian, a Planning Board member, plans to address the Town Council at its next meeting to encourage the Town Council to push for activation of this committee.
- **Hanson Farm update.** Eileen recently talked with Bob Hanson and Scott McFadden of Wildlands Trust; they had little to report about progress on this project.

**Next Meeting: Thursday June 16, 2022 @7:00 pm.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by Eileen Hiney