

**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
March 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Site Visit: Kevin Mandeville, Eileen Hiney, Maureen Minasian, Frank Sousa and Steve Solbo met at 3 pm for a site visit at the Murray/Needs Farm on North St. After a walk around the property, the site visit ended at 3:50.

1 Introduction/Review of Agenda

The meeting began at the Academy Building at 4 pm. A quorum was present. There were no additions to the agenda. Members Present: Eileen Hiney, Kevin Mandeville, Maureen Minasian
Others in attendance: Frank Sousa, Bridgewater City Council member, Steve Solbo, Bridgewater Environmental Planner, Michael Dutton, Town Manager (for part of the meeting).

2. Approval of minutes of January Meeting

The minutes for the January 8, 2020 meeting were approved.

3. Organization of Committee

Maureen nominated Eileen to serve as chair of the committee; seconded by Kevin. All in favor; none opposed. Eileen agreed to serve as chair. At this time, no one is willing to assume the role of Clerk. Kevin agreed to take draft minutes for this meeting.

4. Update from Town Manager

Michael Dutton gave an update on ongoing discussions about various open space parcels including Hanson Farm. He reported that a comprehensive design of the town website is underway. He suggested that this committee make contact with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss areas of focus for each group. Maureen agreed to contact Charlie Simonds, Parks & Recreation Director.

5. Introduction of Steve Solbo BW Environmental Planner

Steve introduced himself and discussed his background. He explained the duties of his position and how he expects he can interact with the Open Space Committee. He reported on an event he is planning for April 25th at the Stiles and Hart conservation land that will enlist volunteers to start cleaning up that property.

6. Finalize Statement of Purpose of OSC

Kevin agreed to draft revisions to the Statement of Purpose for review at the next meeting.

7. 2017 Open Space and Rec Plan (Where is OSC named responsible party?)

Eileen agreed to take a look at this question for the next meeting.

8.2016 Parklands assessment Report.

Eileen agreed to review this report for the next meeting.

9. Next Meetings:

April 8 and May 13 both at 4 pm.

Submitted by Eileen Hiney