

**TOWN OF LAKEVILLE
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
October 12, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Lakeville Senior Center
1 Dear Crossing, Lakeville, MA**

On October 12, 2023, the Open Space Committee held a meeting at 6:00 PM at the Senior Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Chairman Amy Knox. Members present were Amy Knox, Gary Flaherty, Brian Reynolds, Joan Gladu Morton and Elizabeth Nash. Also present was Marc Resnick, Town Planner.

Approve Minutes of July 13, 2023

Upon a motion made by Member Nash and seconded by Member Flaherty, it was:

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Member Flaherty -aye, Member Reynolds -aye, Member Nash -aye, Chairman Knox -aye. Member Gladu Morton abstained as she did not attend the July 13, 2023 meeting.

Discuss and Vote on New Member David Zelonis

Upon a motion made by Member Nash and seconded by Member Flaherty, it was:

VOTED: To recommend David Zelonis for Appointment to the Open Space Committee.

Roll Call Vote: Member Flaherty -aye, Member Reynolds -aye, Member Gladu Morton -aye, Member Nash -aye, Chairman Knox -aye.

Discuss and Vote on New Member Deveney Boyadjian

Upon a motion made by Member Gladu Morton and seconded by Member Flaherty, it was:

VOTED: To recommend Deveney Boyadjian for Appointment to the Open Space Committee.

Roll Call Vote: Member Flaherty -aye, Member Reynolds -aye, Member Gladu Morton -aye, Member Nash -aye, Chairman Knox -aye.

Review Status of the Open Space Plan

Mr. Resnick provided the committee with maps needed for the Open Space Plan. Member Gladu Morton and Chairman Amy Knox will complete the Goals and Objectives section. Mr. Resnick will check with Public Works to see if there are any changes that they need to incorporate into the plan. Chairman Knox said she spoke with Helen Zincavage, Manager of Environmental Programs at Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD).

She said Ms. Zincavage could provide the committee with twenty (20) hours to assist with the completion of the Open Space Plan. Chairman Knox will coordinate a time in which the members of the Open Space Committee can meet with the Select Board to request approval for the 20 hours.

Assawompset Pond Complex, Conservation Commission and Historical Commission Updates

Historical Commission – Member Gladu Morton reported that tonight was the opening of the library gallery exhibit “History of Beverages”. Member Reynolds reported that the Historical Commission will hold its annual Veterans’ Day Observance on Saturday, November 11, 2023. The program will begin at the William Hitchcock Memorial at the Assawompset School Playground.

Assawompset Pond Complex – No update.

Conservation Commission - No update

New Business

Update from Town Planner

Chairman Knox asked Mr. Resnick if there were any updates on Mr. Chistolini’s property. He said that Mr. Chistolini came in and spoke with Ari Sky, Town Administrator. Mr. Sky gave him a copy of a covenant, which only allows for one house on his property. If Mr. Chistolini still wants to sell to the Town, the next step would be for Mr. Chistolini to have the land surveyed and present a plan showing what he wants to sell.

Mr. Resnick said that the Town doesn’t have a formal process for purchasing land. Chairman Knox asked who is responsible for creating a process. Mr. Resnick advised that the Select Board would probably be the ones who would adopt a process, with input from the Open Space Committee. Chairman Knox asked if Member Nash would be willing to look at the processes followed by other Towns, and she agreed. Mr. Resnick said he would send her some ideas.

Review Next Meeting Agenda

Chairman Knox handed out a map of priority parcels that the committee could review. The committee has previously identified these parcels as land they would like to protect. She said some of the land could be used for walking trails.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Senior Center.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Member Flaherty and seconded by Member Gladu Morton, it was:

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Member Flaherty -aye, Member Reynolds -aye, Member Gladu Morton-aye, Member Nash -aye, Chairman Knox -aye.

List of documents provided at the meeting

2 maps provided by Mr. Resnick.

1 map provided by Chairman Knox