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# TOWN OF LAKEVILLE

## REMOTE MEETING NOTICE/ AGENDA

Posted in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 30A, §. 18-25

Name of Board or Committee:	<u>Open Space Committee</u>
Date & Time of Meeting:	<u>Wed. May 6, 2020 @ 7:30 PM</u>
Location of Meeting:	<u>REMOTE MEETING</u>
Clerk/Board Member posting notice	<u>Jesse L. Medford - Chair</u>

### AGENDA

1. In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §20, relating to the 2020 novel Coronavirus outbreak emergency, the April 22, 2020 public meeting of the **LAKEVILLE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE** shall be physically closed to the public to avoid group congregation. **However, to view this meeting in progress, please go to <http://facebook.com/lakecam> (you do not need a Facebook account to view the meeting). This meeting will be recorded and available to be viewed at a later date at <http://www.lakecam.tv/>**

#### I. MEETING MINUTES

1. Approval of 1/8/2020, 1/15/2020, 2/5/2020, 3/4/2020 and 4/23/2020 meeting minutes

#### II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss Open Space Plan workgroup meetings
2. Discussion updates by Open Space Liaisons
  - a. Mike Schroeder – Assawompsett Pond Complex (APC)
  - b. Jesse Medford – Park Commission
  - c. Patrick Marshall – Master Plan Implementation (MPIC)
  - d. Brian Reynolds – Historical Commission
3. Discuss any updates on properties currently of interest to the Open Space Committee
  - a. Lakeville Country Club
  - b. 73 Howland Rd. property
  - c. Lakeville Hospital properties
  - d. LeBaron Hills properties
  - e. Island Terrace property
  - f. Ocean Spray property

#### III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss any correspondence and announcements
2. Discuss agenda items for next meeting
3. Discuss any other business not mentioned in the agenda that may properly come before the committee

#### IV. NEXT MEETING

1. 7:30pm Wed, Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> – if remote. 7:00pm Wed, Jun 3<sup>rd</sup> – if at Loon Pond Lodge. Sooner if necessary

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn?

**Please be aware that this agenda is subject to change. If other issues requiring immediate attention of the LAKEVILLE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE arise after the posting of this agenda, they may be addressed at this meeting.**

Lakeville Open Space Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Lakeville Council on Aging  
Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 7:00 pm

Members Present: Brian Anderson, Chairman Jesse Medford, Liz Nash, Brian Reynolds, Mike Schroder, Donna Wabrek, prospective member Adam Young.

Chairman Medford called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

The first Work Group meeting will be January 15 in the community room of the Police Department, it is not a public meeting. Jesse will check out the library's copy of the work plan. The library should have WiFi, he will ask the Dispatcher for the password. Donna cannot attend, due to tax season.

Liaisons to other Committees:

Jesse stated that there was nothing new to report regarding the Park Commission. Jesse said he has received an email from Patrick Marshall, the liaison to the Master Plan committee. Saturday, January 11, from 10-12 at Assowompsett Elementary School the last Public Workshop is being held. After the final meeting, a copy of the findings will be sent out.

Brian Reynold, liaison to the Historical Commission said that they meet the third Wednesday of every month and they invite the public to attend to express ideas, questions and promote Town history. Their next meeting is Wednesday, January 15 at 7:00 pm at the COA.

Mike Schroder, liaison to Assawompsett Pond Complex said APC will have a public meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, the other meetings are working meetings and they meet four times a year. She said they have a new initiative, which is funded by State money, to deal with flooding from the watershed. They plan to review past studies and do additional research by June for feasible actions. They are inviting anyone who is interested, including Middleboro, Rochester, Freetown and conservation organizations. They will begin to meet monthly. Their next meeting is February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.. DEP and Fish & Wildlife representatives are included. At the last meeting they spoke about cleaning culverts, probably due to the invasives, and they are looking at restoration and land use bylaws but right now just tossing ideas. The grant they received has a six month limit, so the deadline is in June.

Updates on prior subjects:

Jesse said there was discussion at the Selectman's meeting regarding the remaining parcels of the Lakeville Hospital property. LeBaron Hills had said that at the end of December they would know if they are staying open, but there had been no announcement.

The blueprints for Island Terrace arrived in the Open Space Committee mailbox two weeks prior and it was discussed at the Selectman's meeting and the Board of Health. Mike said she gave the Open Space letter to Nancy Yeates to present at the Conservation Commission meeting but was unsure if that happened or not. No new information regarding Ocean Spray.

Jesse Medford asked for nominations for Dr. Adam Young to join the Open Space Committee, Mike Schroder nominated, Liz Nash seconded, Dr. Young was voted on to the committee unanimously.

Jesse asked for nominations for Committee Vice Chair, as he will be unable to attend the meeting held the first week of February and therefore the committee would not be able to meet without him. Bryan Anderson nominated Mike Schroder, Donna seconded, Mike was unanimously voted in as Vice Chair.

Adam volunteered to be Clerk, and Mike Schroder nominated him, Brian Reynolds seconded the nomination, all unanimously voted him Clerk. Donna volunteered to assist, if every necessary.

Jesse said there is Conflict of Interest training that is available online. If assistance is needed, Town Hall staff will help.

Jesse said that the Island Terrace plans were the only items in the mailbox recently. He stated he tries to get the next meeting's agenda submitted at least four days prior to the next meeting.

Mike suggested all read the present Open Space Plan before the January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, and state's it's published on the Town's website.

Adam spoke regarding the poor quality of the maps in the Plan, discussion was had as to where better versions could be found. It was suggested that instead of printing high quality maps, perhaps the maps could reside digitally online.

The next meeting will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm at Loon Pond Lodge.

Brian Reynolds moved to adjourn, Liz Nash seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Lakeville Open Space Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Lakeville Police Station  
Wednesday, January 15, 2020@ 6:30pm

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Members Present: Chairman Jesse Medford, Mike Schroeder

Members Absent: Brian Reynolds, Deanna Elliot, Brian Anderson, Liz Nash, Donna Wabrek

Other Attendees: Adam Young, Christina Barefoot

Open Space Plan Workgroup did not reach a quorum.

Lakeville Open Space Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Lakeville Police Station  
Wednesday, February 05, 2020@ 7:00pm

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Members Present: Vice Chair Mike Schroeder, Brian Reynolds, Liz Nash

Members Absent: Chair Jesse Medford, Deanna Elliot, Brian Anderson, Liz Nash, Donna Wabrek

Other Attendees: Adam Young

Open Space did not reach a quorum.

## Open Space Committee, March 4, 2020

- Jesse, Brian, Brian, Donna, Mike, Liz, Adam were in attendance.
- Minutes from January were not brought (no Committee session was held in February).
- Jesse noted that Mrs. De Elliot has decided to vacate her seat on the Committee. She is required to officially write and sign a letter opting out of the committee. Once that is done, a notice must be posted to inform the community of the open full-member seat. At that point people can write a letter to join the Open Space Committee. Jesse speculates it will be at least another month until that happens.
- Open Space Work Group Meetings were brought up, and a discussion of the timeline of work began. Members were reminded that they each have access to the Open Space Plan document online, as it has previously been emailed to them. Jesse expressed the desire for the Group to make some headway on the project before March 18th. Mike notes that she has already gone into the document and marked some places in need of new research. She mentioned that there is ample research to be done, numbers to call, and updates to provide. It was noted that the Committee should request access to the WIFI password at the Ted Williams Camp Lodge so they could access the online document during Committee meetings. It was mentioned that Bill Napolitano from SRPEDD has maps that will be needed for the update to the Open Space Plan, and that he should be contacted for those (and more) resources. Adam notes that he will send the email link out again to ensure everyone has access to it. Mike suggests that we divide the work up by chapter, that every member is responsible for one section. This suggestion was not brought to a vote but was well-received by the Committee. Mike read the chapter titles aloud to see if anyone has interest in the specific content. Brian Reynolds says he can use the copy from the library and work on it there. He will work on Geology and History sections. Jesse has volunteered to work on the Parks section. Mike has agreed to go through the Plan and indicate content that requires updating, as she has already begun to do so.
- Jesse asked if everyone has done the conflict of interest training. Some members have, some members have not. Jesse will ask Lillian, town clerk, who has yet to do the training.
- Mike noted that the APC group had a meeting on February 12, where SRPEDD compiled previous recommendations that have been made. Mike has a packet of these recommendations. SRPEDD asked the APC group which recommendations seem to still be a priority. The next time they meet, they will commit to a list of actions around June. Mike notes some of the many problems facing the ponds complex, including dredging, culverts, and infrastructure improvements. Mike is optimistic that physical work will be done on the ponds in the near future.
- Jesse noted that the last meeting of the Parks Commission was cancelled, and the next one is March 5, 2020.
- Liz went for a walk to James Jasper Vigers conservation area recently. Mike notes that the Vigers trail ends at private property and would ideally loop back but currently does not.

- Jesse mentioned that he received an email from Patrick Marshall that the Master Plan is being sent to the Planning board. The draft is available on the Lakeville2030 website to look over. The next real step is to implement the terms over the next ten years.
- Brian R spoke about the Historical Commission. He noted that Lakeville has a capital improvement committee that is tasked with approving funds for various projects. He notes that an update to the Historical Commission's resources has been proposed, and that a cemetery has been put on the national register of historical places.
- Brian R. asked if broccoli is an invasive species. Mike says no. The Committee had a good laugh.
- Discussion turned to the topic of when Island Terrace construction will begin. No definitive date was mentioned.
- No news about the hospital property, LeBaron Hills or Ocean Spray was shared.
- Jesse reminds the Committee that they will discuss how much has been accomplished in the Open Space Plan by March 18th.
- Adam proposes that he evaluate the survey in the Plan and determine what related steps should be taken this time, such as to distribute another survey to members of the town.
- The next meeting is noted to be April 1st.
- Motion to adjourn is made and seconded.



## Open Space Committee, April 23, 2020

- The meeting began at 7:19pm.
- Jesse Medford, Brian Reynolds, Brian Anderson, Mike Schroeder, Liz Nash, Adam Young, and Jose Invencio were in attendance.
- This is the first Open Space Committee to be held remotely using Zoom video conferencing software and live streamed on Facebook.
- Jesse read some announcements regarding the conduct of the meeting using this video software. All members verbally indicated that they were present and could hear the chairman, Jesse, speaking.
- Jesse stated that old meeting notes, from January to March, are not yet on the town website, and he states that those need to be put up soon.
  - March notes are linked [here](#).
- Jesse stated that Mike has done some substantial work on revising the Open Space Plan, and suggests that the rest of the committee should follow her example.
- Jesse stated that the next Open Space Meeting will be held in two weeks, possibly May 6th or 7th.
- Jesse asked if other committees had any updates. Mike states that she was unable to attend the previous Assawompset Ponds Complex (APC) meeting, but the last time she did go, discussion centered upon fixing flooding issues and restoring the Nemaster river. SRPEDD had made a list of priority steps to take that have been settled on. Mike stated that removing invasive species is high on her list but necessarily theirs (SRPEDD).
- Jesse notes, as representative of the Parks Commission, that parks have recently been closed and there is nothing new to report.
- Jesse states that he has not received any news about the Master Plan either.
- Brian Reynolds states that progress has stalled regarding the Historical Commission's efforts to produce an inventory/survey of local historical sites.
- Jesse informs the group that the Lakeville Hospital property is about to be sold and turned into a warehouse distribution center.
- There is nothing new to report regarding the LeBaron Hills property, Island Terrace, or Ocean Spray.
- Jesse notes that Lakeville Country Club is being taken off of Chapter 61 protection and nearing a sale to be turned into a(nother) warehouse distribution center.
- Mike notes that there are hydrological connections between the LCC property and the APC. She says that there were reports of endangered species there, and that Natural Heritage (an environmental organization) be contacted to ensure the safety of that species. Mike also speculates that there will be considerable issues with a warehouse facility on that property, due to the expected high volume of large trucks required to operate any such facility, combined with the narrow roads leading to the property (on Clear Pond Road) and the proximity of an endangered Atlantic Cedar swamp and other wetlands. Mike notes the substantial back taxes that may be owed after removing Chapter 61 protection, and she wonders whether those funds could be used to purchase or otherwise continue protection

for the property. Jesse notes that the Selectmen are aware of and considering the issue.

- Jesse states that 73 Howland Road is also being taken off of protection, and one house (on approximately 21 acres of land) will be converted into 4-5 residential parcels.
- Liz wonders whether that property is connected to other areas of open space. Nobody knows offhand, so Liz enters the property into Google Maps and shares the satellite imagery with the group. Discussion turns to whether the nearby rivers and brooks cross the property.
- Brian R. wants to know how close the property is to nearby historical sites such as previous archaeological activity that he is aware of.
- Jesse proposes that this property continue to gain attention of the group going forward.
- Mike suggests that someone contact the Audubon Society to get their thoughts about the ecological value of the property. She doesn't know who to contact in particular, but speculates that Linda Grub may be able to help.
- Jesse states that the next meeting may be a joint meeting with the board of selectmen, the first Wednesday of May.
- Meeting is adjourned at 8:01pm.