

# **Town of Westminster**

MASSACHUSETTS 01473  
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE  
**Open Space Committee**  
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## **Minutes of Meeting – May 2, 2023 – Rm 222**

In attendance: Sue Millman, Amy Tetrault, Isaiah Grigos, Heather Billings, Jodi Snyder, Marie Auger  
Tracy Murphy, Town Planner

Other Attendees: Ben Paradis, Eagle Scout Candidate, Jeremy Paradis, Scoutmaster Troop 33

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1. Approval of minutes: Motion made by A Tetrault/I Grigos to accept the minutes from April 4, 2023

Discussion: None

The OSRP Committee voted 6-0-0 to approve the minutes.

2. Map project status report and next steps:

Ben Paradis, presented his Eagle Scout project to the committee that consisted of clearing the trail behind the elementary school and installing/repairing bridges in the wet areas to create a nature trail. His initial assessment found that 20 bridges will be necessary with a total estimate of \$2,300. for materials. The Committee briefly discussed the potential of providing some funding but did not officially commit funding to the project.

Committee members cautioned him about doing work within the wetlands and encouraged him to work with Matt Marro, Conservation Agent prior to finalizing a plan. The Committee suggested that Matt and the Conservation Commissioners may be able to suggest a method to provide clear pathways without impacting the wetlands as much. Members also brought up the stone ramp on the VFW property needing repair and suggested another Eagle Scout project or perhaps Troop 33 would be willing to fix it.

H Billings contacted the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) and used their GPS software to map the Crocker Pond Trails. The committee went over the current mapping of the area and the features of the program. A. Tetrault suggested that Hagar Park mapping should be done as well and will GPS the trails with S Millman and M Auger on Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 2pm with a rain date of May 18, 2023 at 2pm.

3. Spring Trail Cleanup Day – June 3, 2023

As of the meeting there have only been 3 people to sign up for the trail cleanup day. A. Tetrault suggested opening up the opportunity to people that do not reside in town. J Snyder, H Billings, and S Millman will participate in trail cleanup day.

T Murphy has arranged to pick up tools from the Cemetery Department on Friday June 2. The tools will be marked to ensure that they are all collected at the end of the day. T Murphy will pick up coffee and pastry for the morning of the event and arrange for boxed lunches to be donated for 11:30am.

Chris Mossman has agreed to be the team leader at Hagar Park with Don Siefert and Jim walker at Crocker Pond. Chain saw work will be done ahead of time in both parks.

4. Scenic Road Bylaw Discussion: The committee discussed the draft stonewall bylaw adapted from the Boxborough Ma version and felt the draft was in good shape. Prior to presenting the draft to the Select Board, the first step will be to meet with the Historic Commission to garner support for the measure. T Murphy will reach out to the Historic Commission for a date to hold a joint meeting.

5. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn, J Snyder/M. Auger (5-0-0)  
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 6, 2023 at 7pm in room 222.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Murphy  
Town Planner