

# **Town of Westminster**

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE  
**Open Space Committee**  
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## **Minutes of Meeting – August 11, 2022 – Selectmen’s Meeting Room**

Attended: Marie Auger, Jodi Snyder, Sue Millmen, Isaiah Grigos, and Heather Billings and Town Planner-Stephen Wallace.

Absent: Amy Tisdale Tetrault

The meeting started with approval of the minutes for July 19, 2022.

The first order of business was planning our next trail maintenance day, which will take place on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup> as that is the only day that both of our crew leaders can make. The October effort will essentially be a rerun of our June effort. Amy will once again be the safety officer for Hager Park and Heather or Isaiah will be the safety officer for Crocker Pond. Town Planner will contact both crew leaders (Chris Mossman for Hager Park and Don Seifert for Crocker Pond) to make sure they have enough work to keep 10 volunteers busy for the morning. Town Administrator Stephanie Lahtinen will once again buy coffee and muffins for the morning. Town Planner will borrow tools from the Cemetery Department. Wachusett Mountain will once again provide boxed lunches, but we will have to pay for them this time around.

The Committee then discussed updating the Town’s 2010 Trails Map as a project to pursue in the fall. Town Planner will invite Sheri Bean and Jason Stanton from the regional planning commission to our October meeting to discuss how to proceed. Planner said this would make an excellent District Local Technical Assistance (DLTA) grant from our regional planning commission. The next DLTA grant round opens in December.

Marie talked about securing conservation easement for a 90-acre parcel that has frontage on Battles Road and State Road East (Route 2A). Marie noted that a portion of the Mid-State Trail is located on this property and she would like to see the Town secure an easement for the trail and a conservation restriction on the ridge behind the houses on Battles Road. Jodi said she knows the owner and his son and she will reach out to them personally to discuss the idea. Marie also mentioned that local developer Gene LeBlanc bought property next to Hager Park and would also like to see a conservation easement on a portion of that land as well.

Isaiah brought up the idea of having the Town adopt a Scenic Roads bylaw to protect trees and stonewalls along our more rural roads. The Town Planner knows of several towns that have such bylaws, and will secure them for the Committee’s review.

The Committee will meet next on Tuesday night September 20 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.