

Minutes of the Holliston Open Space Committee

July 11, 2023, 6:30pm

Remote Participation

Committee Members Attending: Lixy Carey, Ann Marie Pilch, Carrie Marsh Loscocco, Shaw Lively, Wilston Johnston

Guest: Aaron Schacter

Lixy Carey called the meeting to order at 6:32pm and read the following statement:

Pursuant to the Governor's March 30, 2023 Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c 30A paragraph 20, the Holliston Open Space Committee will be using remote participation for this meeting. The audio of this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Town's webpage as soon as possible in accordance with keeping the public informed of actions during this meeting. I would ask that all participants remotely attending this meeting please state your name for identification purposes each time you speak throughout the meeting

A roll call attendance was taken:

Ann Marie Pilch	present
Lixy Carey	present
Carrie Marsh Loscocco	present
Shaw Lively	present
Wilston Johnston	present

Shaw Lively made a motion to approve the regular session minutes of May 24, 2023; Wilston Johnston seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

Ann Marie Pilch	aye
Lixy Carey	aye
Carrie Marsh Loscocco	aye
Shaw Lively	aye
Wilston Johnston	aye

Mr. Lively made a motion to approve the executive session minutes of May 24, 2023; Mr. Johnston seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

Ann Marie Pilch	aye
Lixy Carey	aye
Carrie Marsh Loscocco	aye
Shaw Lively	aye
Wilston Johnston	aye

Wilston Johnston announced that he has been appointed as a member of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC), but still needs to be sworn in. Ms. Carey and Ms. Pilch noted that although a representative from the Open Space Committee (OSC) is not required on the CPC by the Community Preservation Act legislation, it's helpful to the OSC's mission.

Ms Carey thanks Ms. Pilch for preparing a narrative on the OSC's work over the years for the Holliston 300th anniversary book. Ms. Pilch will send a copy to OSC members and we will include it on our webpage once the book is published.

The Committee discussed the creation of a Holliston Open Space Instagram account. This could help to network with Mass Open Space and other communities, and promote collaboration. Ms. Loscocco will set up the account and serve as the primary administrator, with Ms. Pilch as a co-administrator.

Candidate Interview:

Ms. Carey welcomed Aaron Schacter and explained the work of the OSC, including landowner outreach. The Committee facilitates the protection of open space but others (primarily the Conservation Commission) manage it. Each member introduced themselves. Ms. Pilch noted that there are many resources available for learning about open space protection. Mr. Schacter asked some questions to clarify the OSC's role.

Mr. Lively made a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm; Mr. Johnston seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

Ann Marie Pilch	aye
Lixy Carey	aye
Carrie Marsh Loscocco	aye
Shaw Lively	aye
Wilston Johnston	aye

Minutes approved 9/12/23