

Minutes of the Holliston Open Space Committee

October 4, 2021, 7pm

Room 200, Holliston Town Hall

Members Attending: Lixy Carey (chair), Ann Marie Pilch, Carrie Marsh Loscocco, Shaw Lively

Ms. Carey called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Committee Membership

Ms. Carey reported that Mr. Kilkelly has asked to step down. He has identified someone who is interested and will put that person in touch with Ms. Carey. The Committee discussed what qualifications it was looking for in a candidate. Ms. Carey emphasized the importance of diversity and that an interest in open space was more important than any particular background or experience. Ms. Carey will post the open position once Mr. Kilkelly submits a letter of resignation.

Meeting Minutes

A quorum of members present at the August 23 meeting was not present at this meeting, so a vote on approving those minutes was postponed to the next meeting.

Targeted Acquisitions

The Committee reviewed the list of targeted acquisitions from the 2013 Open Space and Recreation Plan. Some have subsequently been acquired by the Town or have been developed. The Committee discussed which properties to prioritize and thought those should include any with connections to the Rail Trail or adjacent to existing protected conservation land such as the Poitras/Mellen St./Daniels properties and the Rocky Woods/NSTAR/Town Forest/Fairbanks properties.

Ms. Loscocco noted that Mass GIS does not regularly update property records, so it's best to check the Registry of Deeds to identify property owners. For the next meeting, Ms. Carey will draft a letter to introduce the Committee to property owners. Committee members will continue to identify properties to prioritize.

Next meeting date

Monday, November 1, 7pm

Mr. Lively made a motion to adjourn at 8:46pm; Ms. Loscocco seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved at Open Space Committee Meeting on November 1, 2021