

Meeting of the Douglas Open Space Committee May 14, 2025, 2 PM at the Douglas Municipal Center.

Members Present: Sue Perkins, Becky Kalagher, Gordon Larrivee, L. Moczynski and Dick Skinner.

S. Perkins opened the meeting at 2:08 PM and stated that the meeting was being videoed. Introductions made.

Review minutes of April 8, 2025, meeting: Motion by B. Kalagher to accept minutes as corrected, seconded by G. Larrivee. L. Moczynski abstained. All in favor.

M. Benoit is gone and budget results from May 5, 2025 Town Meeting: New planner replacing M. Benoit - invite him to our next meeting. Per our budget request-not happy that we were not informed that our request was not going forward. That information would have given us a heads up to ask for an amendment at the Town Meeting.

Keevan Property: need to follow grants & budget needed for match. Maybe ask at the annual or fall Town Meeting for what we need. We need to supply the numbers to advocate for ourselves, and a staff person needs to advocate for us. The Conservation Commission should be partners on the grants with us.

Leon Moczynski property update – Discussed trail out to Manchaug Street. B. Kalagher stated it exists and is mapped. Parking lot improved by highway department. Gravel needed at the trail entrance, ask Adam. S. Perkins will get the 4x4 PT posts and schedule installation. B. Kalagher will get the lags. Manchaug side the pipeline is inactive. To do: 1) schedule a trail workday for the new trails 2) S. Perkins to send a letter to R. Roberts regarding a possible parking area.

Conservation Commission Meeting April 28th: Need trail markers. B. Kalagher to check with Custom Signs to see what they can do. Town of Douglas with arrows signs or trail markers combined with paint on trees?

Recreation Commission Meeting May 6th: They had unspent money; they gave the Douglas Open Space Committee \$500 to purchase a bench for the Leon Moczynski property.

Budget of \$169.50 to spend: S. Perkins will pick up two no trespassing signs for the Leon Moczynski property.

Old/New Business:

OLD: Conservation Drive letter: Thank you letter to the Cherrier's written. S. Perkins to sign and mail it out.

NEW: D. Skinner researched land restrictions that we might implement on town owned land. Asked if we need to have people sign a waiver to be on town owned land- they don't.

Next meeting June 10, 2025 at 2pm

Adjournment

L. Moczynski moved to adjourn at 3:10 PM. G. Larrivee seconded. All in favor.