

Meeting of the Douglas Open Space Committee July 22, 2025, 2 PM at the Douglas Municipal Center.

Members Present: Sue Perkins, Becky Kalagher, Gordon Larrivee, L. Moczynski, and Kathy Richards. Guest John Charbonneau Director of Community Development.

S. Perkins opened the meeting at 2:15 PM and stated that the meeting was being videoed. Introductions made.

Introduce John Charbonneau: John will look at the T-Mobile Hometown Grant application. We can work on sections of it and send it all to John when we are done. Does the Town Administrator or BOS have to authorize anyone to get grants? Yes. Town Administrator would have to sign on the grant. Since there are, no matching funds required there is no need to put on town warrant or go to town meeting to accept funds. Funds received go into an account and are used to pay expenses. Discussed adding engineering designs to the application. Need something that we need to use that on. Discussed issue of property from flex design given to town not being usable, not having access and the fact that the boundaries should be marked.

L. Moczynski asked about the budget cycle.

Letters of support needed from Conservation Commission (as property owners) Planning Board, and Board of Selectmen. State Representative and Bay State Trail Riders Association.

Discuss Open Spaces' role, aspirations and ways to succeed: skipped

Review T-Mobile grant and assign duties to complete: Get quotes from Timber Homes for kiosk, add in sign. Installation cost? 10% contingency to add to the application? Discussion on what they were asking for in the grant. Ask for trail counter to help measure impact. Could be used on other properties.

L. Moczynski will work on need and draft support letter. QR code on kiosk for feedback (another way to measure).

Question on how many quotes we need for the job. Not town funds.

B. Kalagher will do scope of work. K. Richards will work on how it affects the town. We can all brainstorm.

Next steps – next letter to editor/subject: Tabled

Old/New Business not available 48 hours in advance and brainstorming:

Old: S. Perkins from was in touch with Sam from CMRPC. He asked what we have accomplished from our Open Space and Recreation Plan. Discussed some of the plans, one being river walk off B Street concept.

New: Land for sale behind mansion would be nice for the town, close to downtown. L. Moczynski stated she thinks there is a plan for houses up there already; there was an old plan that was not recorded.

Hike from Conservation Dr. to Mumford St.? S. Foley would like to show us certain things and how to get through.

S Perkins called relator next to town property to see if they knew the boundaries. No reply. She called Douglas/Sutton LLC and left message to ask them to mark the boundaries, so we know where the access is.

Next meeting August 19, 2025 at 2pm

Adjournment: L. Moczynski motioned to adjourn at 3:25 PM. B. Kalagher seconded. All were in favor.