

Meeting of the Douglas Open Space Committee July 8, 2025, 2 PM at the Douglas Municipal Center.

Members Present: Sue Perkins, Becky Kalagher, Gordon Larrivee, L. Moczynski and Dick Skinner (alternate). Kathy Richards joined us.

S. Perkins opened the meeting at 2:00 PM and stated that the meeting was being videoed. Introductions made.

Review minutes of June 1, 2025, meeting and June 10, 2025 meeting: June 1st meeting; Motion by B. Kalagher, seconded by L. Moczynski. All were in favor. June 10th meeting: Motion by G. Larrivee, seconded by L. Moczynski. All were in favor.

Budget, trail markers, bird bath: We now have \$300 for this fiscal year. Can we set up a Friends of Open Space. L. Moczynski expressed the need to know how the budget works; how we can get more money; what do we want for an amount, the timing involved and how it ties to the state level.

B. Kalagher has trail markers. No bird baths needed.

Open Space and Recreation Plan extension to 10 years: S. Perkins updated the action plans to 10 years.

Moczynski Property update and Sutton/Douglas LLC river access: Are the existing boundaries marked for the Sutton/Douglas LLC property, so we know where the right of way is? S. Perkins to write a letter to ask.

PARC Grant – CMRPC help: past the due date for the application. Plan for next year.

Planning Board Letter: S. Perkins sent letter to Planning Board and Conservation Commission requesting that we be involved in access to conservation lands.

Conservation Drive signs and donations: Project planning for this property. Parking, education, trail access, replace bridge.

Setting up trail workdays: B. Kalagher to set some dates. G. Larrivee mentioned that the Leon Moczynski property has a huge patch of invasive barberry that needs to be taken out.

Keevan Property-free cash: L. Moczynski explained this. Free cash comes from unobligated funds (funds that were appropriated but not used) from the prior fiscal year. Can we tap into this for some of our projects?

PR for Moczynski property: Rewrite article presented.

Possible attendee: John Charbonneau, Director of Community Development. Couldn't make meeting.

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

New: B. Kalagher presented T-Mobil grant. B. Kalagher will pull together the specs needed for the grant. Add sign to the application. Thanks to T-Mobil could go on the sign if we get the grant. Meeting for June 22 at 2pm to work on the grant.

Moczynski property: Laid out trail map information that we wanted to print out map for kiosk.

Next meeting August 19, 2025 at 2pm

Adjournment: L. Moczynski motioned to adjourn at 3:16 PM. G. Larrivee seconded. All were in favor.