

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

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

S. Perkins opened the meeting at 2:05 PM and stated that the meeting was being videoed. Introductions made.

**Review minutes from September 23, 2025 meeting:** S. Perkins motioned to accept the minutes. B. Kalagher seconded. G. Larrivee abstained. All were in favor.

**T-Mobile grant status:** Grant applicants will be notified at the end of November.

**Master Plan Committee meeting interface:** S. Perkins attended but they ran out of time before they got to her.

**Conservation Commission meeting outcome:** Covered at last meeting.

**Donations – possibilities to build up budget, i.e.: “Friends of” group:** K. Richards reported that we have \$277.78 in our account. S. Perkins to meet with Lisa Freeman and Jeanne Lovett to inquire about what we can do. L. Moczynski mentioned that since Metacomet is a regional group maybe a Friends group could form in Douglas under their umbrella and have an account set up for restricted funds to be used only for Douglas Conservation Properties. L. Moczynski will have to check into that to see if it is viable.

Discussion on having a separate meeting on budget goals. What are our goals, how much to accomplish them and get that added as a line item in the town budget.

**New grant opportunities; November/May Town meeting request:** Mass Trails and Parc coming up. Could try for the engineering plans/bridge/boardwalk for Keegan Property. That would require coming up with a budget for that and calculating the required match. The match would have to be from the town and put into the budget.

**Trail work plan:** Stewardship on our trails. S. Perkins will walk the trails to see if any work needs to be done. If so will contact our trails committee people.

**Keegan sign follow up:** Covered at last meeting

**Moczynski Conservation Property completion/advertise/CPA/flyers:** B. Kalagher will get some paint to repaint two of the trail markers black for the trail going out to Manchaug Street. Install the last trail markers. Will also work on article for paper.

**BOS executive session for Chapter 61 property and the fire road off Perry St.:** S. Perkins brought to their attention from the old Douglas Master Plan that the town wanted to protect Green Brook.

**Conservation Drive hike follow up:** K. Richards met with Susan Foley who showed her where to go in over the guardrail, the electric boxes by the path and the path to the back. Walked to the path until it was too overgrown.

**Kiosks:** Under budget category.

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

**Old:** none.

**New:** L. Moczynski discussion on article that might be on the town meeting Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> as a donation to the town (B Street for a river walk). Also another one on Gilboa.

D. Skinner presented a guideline for the trail location sub-committee.

D. Skinner would like to create parking at each conservation property. Better to assess all the properties and come up with a plan with pictures and marked off area.

D. Skinner would like our committee to offer a tour and discussion of the Leon Moczynski property. D. Skinner will post the sign-up sheet at the Adult Social Center.

**Next meeting Nov. 18, 2025 at 2pm**

**Adjournment:** S. Perkins motioned to adjourn at 2:44 PM. B. Kalagher seconded. All were in favor.