

Meeting of the Douglas Open Space Committee January 6, 2026, 2 PM at the Douglas Municipal Center.

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

S. Perkins opened the meeting at 2:04 PM and stated that the meeting was being videoed. Introductions made.

Review minutes from December 9, 2025 meeting: B. Kalagher motioned to accept the minutes. G. Larrivee seconded. All were in favor.

Mass Trails Grant: Need updated support letters and landowner permission from Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. Request additional support letters from NEMBA, Metacomet Land Trust and Representative McKenna. We may need additional matching funds for the grant, maybe from Con. Com. Will look to see if that can be added to their budget. Send copy of application to members to proof.

Donation account: Need to set up appointment to get it done.

Keegan property link to Vine St.: B. Kalagher got in touch with Lindsey Safah Realty Group to explain what we would like to do. Owner lives in NH. Lindsey will get in touch with him.

Site walk with Conservation Agent: Not rescheduled yet.

Master Plan Update: G. Larrivee handed out the open space chapter for us to review. Jan. 21st is Master Plan next meeting; comments needed before that meeting.

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

Old: L. Mosczynski suggested that in the future anything for distribution over 5 pages make it electronic. If there is a working document, then print it.

L. Mosczynski also reminded us about the landowner webinars-Protecting Your Legacy. B. Kalagher will post on Facebook.

New: B. Kalagher gave update on trails behind the Douglas Schools, most of the trails are cleared. Update and next items to tackle sent to the Douglas School Committee, clearing the last trail section, naming and signing the trails, establishing a new connector trail from the top of the hill and replacing the bridge over Wellman Brook.

K. Richards stated that someone contacted L. Paresky about creating a parking area in the spot where the old building is to be torn down for common parking plus getting to the SNETT. We looked at map and there is no connection to the SNETT from there.

Come up with a list for funding projects 3 years out that we can give to Community Development to ask for funding in the budget.

Next meeting Feb. 10, 2026 at 2pm

Adjournment: S. Perkins motioned to adjourn at 2:50 PM. L. Mosczynski seconded. All were in favor.