

Town of Bridgton  
Open Space Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Date 2/1/2024, 4 pm

Members present: Peter Lowell, Glen Jukkola, Matt Markot, June Sleeper, Brian Mayhew, Lauren Pickford

Others present: Haley Richardson, Gary Colello, Bob Peabody

1. Call to order

- a. Brian is approved to participate remotely

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Review of Background information

- a. Committee member goals: Peter to compile list of members goals. Noted that the group had expressed numerous goals that are similar.

- b. Town owned properties: Moose Pond-Include mini/short lots, Sabatis Island-May be ideal spot for parking/launch. Glen would like rocks moved to facilitate kayak/canoe movement.

- c. Conservation lands:

- i. Loon Echo – 5000 acres protected (i.e. Bald Pate, Peabody Fitch, Burnham/Fosterville (300 acres), Quaker Ridge/Casco (400 acres), Perley Mills, Town of Denmark owns some property in Bridgton, Willet Park Rd.)

- ii. LEA- Go back to town and ask about GIS/digital files for Committee use

- iii. Tori has list of town owned properties to share with Committee

- d. Status of Moose Pond Land account

- i. Brief review of Account balance and spending policy

4. Recreation Department Goals- Gary

- a. Development of HAM Complex

- b. Trail Development-increase usage for cross country skiing (Ridge Rd.)

- c. Improved Accessibility-develop walkways (HAM – Pondicherry- Harmon)

- d. Launch access for kids/kayaks – Highland Lake/Adams Pond

- e. Program Development – Comprehensive plan that includes Fed, State, and Local

- f. Develop open space for downtown-potential funding opportunities highlighted

5. Agenda for next meeting

- a. Glen will share Scorecard he has been developing. Compared other towns open space plans.
- b. Have complete GIS/Spreadsheet db available for review
- c. Questions for survey cards that will be made available at elections

6. Motion for adjournment at 5:05 PM by Peter Lowell, seconded by Glen Jukkola