

Town of Bridgton
Open Space Committee
Meeting Minutes
Date 4/11/2024, 4 pm

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

Others present: Tori Hill, Haley Richardson, Greg Colello, Bob Peabody

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Discussed new person to act as Recorder for the 2nd quarter. Brian said he was willing to do this for 1 quarter. Motion made by Lauren to have Brian Mayhew act as Recorder. Seconded by Brian.
2. Matt shared that LEIT had just acquired 190 acres from the Lebowitz family. Property is located in Kansas Rd./Otter Pond area. Public access is allowed. Named as Clara & Samuel Lebowitz Memorial Preserve.
3. Lauren updated group regarding Pondicherry Park. Issues with Emerald Ash Borer and Beavers. Noted that Stevens Brook Trail is being impacted due to flooding. Questions for survey cards that will be made available at elections
4. Matt noted that we should look at field trips in the future.
5. Brian commented on positive press in the Portland Press Herald. Also noted that vernal pools were being filled at night in Meadow Street neighborhood and that he was bringing it to Brenda's attention.
6. Matt and Brian will collaborate on draft for Select Board in regard to Sabatis Island launch. Draft will be ready for next meeting. All committee members voted in favor of recommending this to Select Board.
7. Discussed potential to add a young person to the committee in the future.
8. Matt will lead on boat launch, follow up with Alexis, road behind Memorial School and field trip. Lauren will follow up with Stephanie, DOT and signage.
9. Motion for adjournment at 4:59 PM by Lauren Pickford, seconded by Glen Jukkola.