Open Space Committee

Minutes

September 14, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Chair Malakhoff calls the meeting to order with an introduction of members:

Member	Present	Absent
Lev Malakhoff – Chair	X	
Farley Lewis – Vice Chair	X	
Elizabeth Lewis	X (late)	
Douglas Payson	X	
Anne Rowland		X
Tracy Pratt	X	
Cate Gulliver	X	
Dave Gorrill	X	
Vacant		

Also present is Alice Marcus-Krieg; Open Space Planner and Grants Coordinator; Genna Ziino, Administrative Assistant; Kris Clark, Town Councilor; and Barry Sheingold, Town Council Liaison.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- August 10, 2026 –Tracy Pratt moves to approve the minutes. Cate Gulliver seconds. Liz Lewis joins at this point.

Vote:
Aye: Lev Malakhoff, Farley Lewis, Liz Lewis, Doug Payson, Anne Rowland, Tracy Pratt, Cate Gulliver, Dave Gorrill
Nay: None

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

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New Business

- Fall Walking Weekend Planning – Farley Lewis says Dave Gorrill will be doing Coombs Bog and maybe a mushroom and edibles discussion along the way. Sue Sullivan from BLT has walks on Friday and Saturday. The Appalachian Mountain Club included the event information in their latest posting but can't host a walk this time. She hasn't heard back from Sandy Neck. Chair Malakhoff says he is coordinating with Tom Cambareri. The group decides on a deadline for walk submissions as September 24. Sharon Harrison says she is having surgery so won't be able to hike, but she can coordinate with the Nordic Walkers. Chair Malakhoff requests Genna Ziino print 40 copies of the flyer for members to pick up at their leisure. Doug Payson will talk to Meetinghouse Farm about a walk. Mass Audubon was not available. Doug Payson will try to plan a walk for Friday morning. He will also plan a Hyannis walk.

- Regional Open Space Plan – Chair Malakhoff says the Cape Cod Commission is kicking off a regional open space plan, which can be found at the Commission website. They are trying to get feedback through a series of meetings and a survey. There is helpful town-by-town information. Chair Malakhoff has drafted a letter (document entitled "ROSP-Comments") about the importance of open space and the suggestion to reintroduce the Cape Cod Pathways program. He requests feedback, possibly at the next meeting. Alice Marcus-Krieg suggests including language about mental health.

  The group discusses the Riverview School and their planned open space goals. Councilor Sheingold says Town Council President Tamash has taken under advisement the idea of identifying representatives on the town side for the project.

Old Business

- Potential property acquisitions - None
- Update – Outstanding Conservation Restrictions - None
- Update – Pathways update including walking library, Trailhead Signs, and Geocaching – Alice Marcus-Krieg says GIS is understaffed but they are working on it as they can.

  Chair Malakhoff sent a reminder to Town Council President Tamash requesting the blessing of the Council so staff can look into the pathways reroute. Councilor Clark will check in with the Town Manager.
- Report from Tracy Pratt regarding Santuit Preserve – Pond is in fair condition.
- Report from Farley Lewis regarding Community Preservation Committee Open Space applications – Ms. Lewis reports that there are two letters of intent from BLT anticipated for the September 21 agenda.
- Report from Town Council Liaison – Councilor Sheingold says two town councilors passed away recently, and there was an illness-based resignation. Elections will be taking place next month. The group discusses funding for the CWMP, the Marstons Mills River grant for improving passage for herring, and Riverview.

MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Doug Payson moves to adjourn. Dave Gorrill seconds.

Vote:
Aye: Lev Malakhoff, Farley Lewis, Liz Lewis, Doug Payson, Anne Rowland, Tracy Pratt, Cate Gulliver, Dave Gorrill
Nay: None

The list of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

DOCUMENTS USED AT THIS MEETING

- August 10, 2026 minutes
- Document entitled "ROSP-Comments"

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Respectfully submitted,
Genna Ziino, Administrative Assistant

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