



**Town of Casco**  
Open Space Commission Meeting Minutes  
Monday September 18, 2023  
6:00 PM Regular Meeting  
Casco Community Center

**Regular Meeting**

1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda
2. History and background of the Conservation Committee as it relates to the OSC (Eric)
3. Planning Session with Sebago Technics
4. Debrief from Sept 5<sup>th</sup> Selectboard presentation (Sam)
  - a. Berry Park Revisited
  - b. 70-Acre Wood
    - i. Draft letter and secure parking access to Judith Gordon Property
      1. Reach out to communication person – new town position
    - ii. Next Walk: Correction - Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> (not the 13<sup>th</sup>) at 8:30 AM
    - iii. Meet at US Post Service & head down together
  - c. Picnic tables for Webbs Mills Park
  - d. Other
5. Discussion & Adjournment
6. Meeting Notes – 9-18-23
7. Attendees:
  - a. Jeff Raymond
  - b. Sam Brown
  - c. Eric Dibner
  - d. Jim Arsham
  - e. Tuan Ngyuen
  - f. Amy Brown
  - g. Sebago Technics – Amy Segal
8. Public Comment
  - a. Tuan Ngyuen from Planning Board attending to advise on update to Solar Ordinance
  - b. Public Hearing set first Monday in October
  - c. Discussion tomorrow at Casco Selectboard Meeting
  - d. We need to pay attention to language around ‘Open Space’ in the Ordinance
9. Eric – Historical Context for Open Space Commission

- a. Reminds us Open Space was formed in 2001
- b. Previously identified as Conservation Committee
- c. 'We don't have plan'.
- d. Biggest challenges: getting the community in the door.
- e. Get clearer about why these lands are important.
- f. Holding 'Public Events'.
- g.

#### 10. Sebago Technics

- a. Kiley Mason worked on Berry Park Plan in 2017
- b. Amy has been here (at Sebago Technics) for 3 years.
- c. Lots of questions about ways to articulate and formalize a vision for the Future of Open Space
- d. What can we get done for \$2,500?
  - i. What is the scope of the work we hope to achieve?
- e. How do we end up with a carrot to draw people in?
  - i. Identify what we have currently – document it. The Current State.
  - ii. What more do we want to preserve? The Desired State.
  - iii. Make it available online for folks to explore.
    - 1. Using GIS Mapping.
- f. Develop trail system that can be easily seen and accessed.
- g. The challenge:
  - i. getting the town to protect and identify land owned by the town as a park.
  - ii. Writing easements for town-owned lands.
- h.

#### 11. Judith Gordon Letter Reviewed

- a. Sam to send certified

#### 12. Picnic Tables

- a. Ask tomorrow at Select Board Meeting.

#### 13. 70-Acre Wood Walk 10-15-23

- a. Tabled till we hear back from Judith Gordon.

#### 14. Other

*Next meeting date (subject to change)*

Monday, October 16 @ 6:00 pm