



Town of Casco
Open Space Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 21, 2024
6:00 PM Regular Meeting
Casco Community Center

Attending Members: Sam Brown, Eric Dibner, Jenn Lewis

Public Attendees: Mimi Wetzel, Grant Plummer

1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda. **Will be approved when presented.**
2. Review and approval of Meeting Notes/Minutes from 9-16-24. Meeting notes will be approved.
3. Public Participation for non-Agenda items. **There were no questions or public participation.**
4. Update from the Chair
 - a. Berry Property Efforts – where is the Select Board on this? **Sam advised the Select Board had still not discussed anything about Berry Park even though they said they would. Will bring up again to the next meeting of the Select Board.**

Continuing Business

5. **Discussed If, When and How to get funds budgeted by the Select Board for programs to (a) buy open space or conservation easements;(b) to maintain trails and public access to public and private lands, including lakes, ponds, streams, as well as trails for hiking, climbing, ATV use etc**
6. **WORKSHOP: REFINING THE OPEN SPACE PLAYBOOK.** We discussed each of the Paragraphs of the assigned Matrix to the OSC. In particular the Timelines and Prioritization. Quite a few are overlapping, so we will assign each one an area for comments and action and discuss when to begin, how to accomplish the tasks and discuss how to finance them if necessary. We developed a template to give structure to the comments so we can keep them focused on action and completion of the task, many of which are ongoing. There are several items that are of high importance that can be accomplished within a relatively short time. There are several we discussed that are complicated and require thoughtful approaches and associations with other groups in Casco and surrounding towns to get them on track and running. We will do our best to assign Matrix tasks in the order of priorities.
7. **Next Meeting – Update from Loon Echo**
 - a. **Matt Markot to present**
8. **Adjournment at 7:59 pm**

Upcoming meeting dates (subject to change)

Monday, November 18th @ 6:00 pm