

New Boston Open Space Committee
Minutes of January 22, 2024

Present: members Lombard, Woodbury, Moloney, and Keyes

Absent: Hill and Bacon

Convened: 7:30pm Upstairs Town Hall

Southern New Boston Property: Apparently offers from third parties to purchase this property have fallen through and the owners have expressed a renewed interest in discussing the purchase of an easement or of the fee by the Town. The owners met with the Committee and discussed various options for creation of an easement over some percentage of the property, but continued to express an interest in continuing a permitted use that would normally not be permitted under the usual conservation easement. The Committee agreed to work with the owners to see what areas of agreement could be found while at the same time the owners will research other means of access and begin discussions with an engineering/surveying firm.

Martin Easement: John Sandri, owner of the easement property has expressed an interest in modifying the easement terms to allow a septic system to be built on the property. Workforce housing is already permitted in some circumstances. This Committee will not have the power to modify the terms of the easement. Suggested knowledgeable experts in the field suggest the near impossibility of modifying the easement to allow the use requested. The Committee will need to have the drafted text of proposed changes supplied by Mr. Sandri before taking any position on the amendment.

Adjourned 9:05 pm.

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