

Final Minutes of the Westford Common Committee 17 Feb 2025
Attendees Lori Johnson, Suzie Kearns, Caroline Brown.

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 am.

Changes to the agenda-none

Public comment, items not on the agenda-none

Approve minutes of 11/11/24 meeting-approved with correction of spelling of Carolines name.

Tree trimming update-Heritage tree worked on the trees on the Common Friday Feb 14th. They were not able to finish and will return to complete the work. Only a few trees on the 128 side were not done. The trees look great and the Committee wishes to heartily thank Heritage. We also want to acknowledge that we believe the work probably should have cost more, and we thank Patrick for his contribution.

Lighting at the Gazebo and Common-Lori updated the committee on the discussion from the Selectboard meeting. Then we discussed what to do about the current string lights around the gazebo. Unfortunately these keep being pulled down, disconnected midway and end up dangling and need to be restrung. The committee decided to remove the lights altogether. Lori will contact Michael Kirick who organizes the summer music series and see if he wants the lights. The lights will be removed in spring when the weather improves. The Committee hopes that the Selectboard will keep us informed if they decide to add lights to the gazebo so that we can participate in the decision.

East end fence-Caroline had mentioned that part of the fence is broken. In the spring we will remove the broken part and rearrange the existing pieces to fill in.

Correspondence

The Recreation department had sent an email asking about the possibility of setting up badminton on the Common. Lori had corresponded back asking for more details (yet to come). The Committee is very amenable to this use but wants to emphasize the need to remove any stakes so the lawn mowers don't have issues. The Committee would like to see more use of the Common and has suggested to the rec department that they may want to investigate scheduling this to correspond with the Sunday farmers markets. The Committee would like to see organizations work together for synergy on events just like the Farmers market and summer concert series are doing, but this is not a requirement.

A request was also made by the Historical Society to remove dead sumac bushes on the section of Common south of Common Road that is near their building. The Committee approved the Historical Society removing those.

Public Comment-none

Adjourned 10:15 am