

Open Space Committee
C/o Norton Conservation Commission
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Minutes
February 11, 2010
6:30PM
2nd floor conference room

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Meeting started at 6:30pm. Attendance: Pat MacLeod, Michele Simoneaux, Jennifer Carlino, Frances Shirley (LPS)

Minutes of 1/21/10 meeting

Minutes were accepted in a motion by Pat, seconded by Michele.

Members discussed needing a new chairman. Michele volunteered for the position. We all thanked her.

Audubon invite for free workshop-LPS joint project

We reviewed the Audubon announcement for free workshops in Norton. We discussed the possibility of having Audubon do a workshop on identifying and protecting high priority lands. We thought it could be tailored to meet the needs of people who attended the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update meeting last month. Maybe it could give the recreation-minded people some tools for identifying needs and prioritizing land for active recreation purposes. Frances Shirley thought LPS folks might be interested in attending but do have their hands full with the wild backyards program. Michele motioned to submit an application.

Plan first nature hike of season 2/20/10 10-noon, place?

We will hold the walk at Johnson Acres. It has been advertised already and an email notice did go out.

Discuss OSRP update public meeting

We reviewed minutes from the update meeting and agreed that it caught the general discussion points.

Contacted Wheaton about survey

Jennifer has contacted Wheaton and the request was forwarded to the computer program. Frances suggested contacting Mark LeBlanc in the math department if we did not hear anything.

Our sections to finish for OSRP

Michele-Chapt 61 Michele is working on her section

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Joan-water/sewer -final version? Joan is on vacation

Pat will review our projects over the last five years and make an accomplishment summary page.

Jennifer has other sections that she will do and have ready for members to edit.

Frances will take a look at the LPS section and work with Kathy to update it. She copied the land holdings for Pat.

We reviewed the **Conflict of Interest** information. Members received and signed the form regarding conflict of interest. They will do the on-line quiz and bring the certificates to the office.

We reviewed the notice of **2010 grants from the Taunton River Watershed**. Jennifer has already contacted Ethan Nadeau for an estimate on a freshwater mussel survey for the major watersheds and to search for a historic record of a mussel on the federal endangered species list not seen since before RT 495 was constructed.

Next meeting will be: _____ 2-18-10 _____

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Michele Smorenow