Open Space Committee

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Minutes

July 8, 2010 2010 AUG 16 P 2: 28 6:30PM

2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

Attendance: Pat MacLeod, Joan Guerrero, Michele Simoneaux and Conservation Agent Jennifer Carlino

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

**Minutes** of 3/25/10, 5/13/10

Minutes were reviewed for 3/25/10. Michele made a motion to accept, seconded by Joan. All were in favor. The May 13th meeting did not have a quorum.

## Our sections to finish for OSRP

Michele-Chapt 61 She will finish them for the next meeting in two weeks.

Joan-water/sewer-final version? Water/Sewer superintendent Duane Knapp still does not return her phone calls or attempts to reach him to update the water/sewer section. The members decided that this was not appropriate conduct for a town official and were offended as residents that a simple phone call cannot be returned. As such, members decided to place a note that the water/sewer superintendent was unresponsive and didnot update that section.

Pat-accomplishments list from the last plan Pat will finish this section for the next meeting.

Members were notified that the current open space plan actually expired in February, despite that not being a full five years. We reviewed the goals/objectives sections and create a new action plan. This information will be sent to DCS in advance of the LAND grant so they are aware we are working on the update.

In the future, the recreation commission will be notified of our meetings for discussion about the Open Space and Recreation Plan since recreation is a big part of the town-wide plan and should play a more active role in creating the OSRP.

Michele Simoneur

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**Audubon Grant, Oct 14, 2010** workshop We have confirmed the Library location for this event. Recreation commission has been notified and plans to attend. They will also advertise to other recreation groups in town to attend.

LAND Grant application and support letter

Member discussed the proposal of The Nature Conservancy, Land Preservation Society of Norton and Norton Conservation Commission to work with the Reilly's to preserve about 50 acre of land on the Three-Mile River through donations, state funds and conservation restrictions. Michele signed the revised support letter for the grant due July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Forestry project update

Members were updated on the logging progress of this project. The red pine section of the town forest will have to be done at a later date since the mills won't accept it or pay the estimated price at this time. The loggers will come back when it is more appropriate to harvest. The logger at Lincoln woods is progressing with his portion of the project though.

Pat and Michele will finish hanging the educational forestry signs at Lincoln Woods over the weekend.

Tricentennial committee meeting July 7, 2010

No one had attended this meeting with the short notice, but as a committee would like to be more involved in the celebration. We will try to make the next one.

## Other

Members reviewed the latest info on the open meeting law dated June 21, 2010

Members completed Jennifer's evaluation form.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm	1.	
Next meeting will be:	July 22	