

Open Space Committee
C/o Norton Conservation Commission
70 East Main Street, Norton MA 02766
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Minutes
August 12, 2010
6:30PM
2nd floor conference room

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

Absent: Joan Guerrero

Meeting started at 6:30pm.

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Minutes of 7-8-10 revised, 7-22-10, and 8-5-10

Minutes of 7-8-10 were revised at the last meeting and accepted. Members just reviewed the revision. Minutes of 7/22/10 were approved with minor changes in a motion by Michele, seconded by Pat, approved. There wasn't a quorum for the 8/5/10 meeting.

Our sections to finish for OSRP

Michele-Chapt 61

Michele had sent the excel chart updates for the section and is working on the narrative. Jennifer added Michele's updated charts to the section within the OSRP. She will email the new OSRP section to Michele so it is easier for her to do the narrative.

Pat-accomplishments list from the last plan

Pat submitted the accomplishments list for members to review. She would like to get copies of the minutes from Phyllis so she can add dates and more detail. Then she will submit the final version for us to review.

Review OSRP submitted

The draft OSRP was submitted to the Division of Conservation Services on July 29, 2010 for conditional approval so we can move forward with the LAND grant. However, on the same day we received a letter stating that we were not eligible for the LAND grant since the OSRP wasn't submitted before the LAND grant deadline. So we will have to try for the LAND grant next year.

Assign new tasks

Members reviewed a list of items that need to be revised or included in the new OSRP. Michele volunteered to take the NHESP letter, DEP chemical release sites, and the 3-mile river designation. Pat chose the MA historical letter, Wild Backyards article, and the Manomet letter from the last plan. Jennifer will find

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the % affordable housing for the town, portions of the Section 504 report, storm water management changes, impervious cover discussion. She has already added the latest population, short-tail weasel, tick pictures, and the descriptions of the slattery and Mansfield boat ramp properties.

Forestry project update

Logging operations continue at Lincoln Woods and are going well. The market for red pine has dropped so that portion of the Town Forest is on hold for now.

LAND grant update

As we said above we aren't eligible to receive funds this year. We will finish the OSRP and update the commonwealth capital form and apply again next year.

Town Report is due 8/24

Members reviewed the draft Town Report and liked the addition of pictures. Michele will read and get comments back soon. Michele made the motion, seconded by Pat to accept the town report and submit as written unless Michele has another revision. Pat seconded, approved. Pat asked to update the website with our other town reports. Jennifer will ask Phyllis to add them next week.

Open Meeting Law signatures

Members received their packets from the Clerk and signed all documents.

Next meeting will be: _____ 8-26-10 _____

Michele Simoneaux