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Minutes

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**Committee or
Governing Body**

Open Space Committee

**Day, Date and
Time of Meeting**Thursday, February 17, 2011
6:30pm**Meeting Location
and Address**70 East Main St, Norton MA 02766
2nd floor meeting room**Signature of Chairman
or Authorized Person***Michele Simoneaux*

Date 3/3/11

Minutes

Please list below the topics the chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting

Attendance: Michele Simoneaux, Pat MacLeod, Sue Franconi-Salmon, and Conservation Agent Jennifer Carlino. Meeting started at 6:30pm.

Minutes of January 20, 2011, Motion was made by Michele, seconded by Pat to accept the minutes as written. Approved.

Open space plan update

Edit sections by Michele-3-Mile River ACEC, hazardous waste Members reviewed the final version of Michele's two articles. Sue sent comments via email and were incorporated. Pat had a few minor questions.

Edit section by Pat-wild backyards program Pat emailed the section but no one received it yet so we reviewed a paper copy. Only one change was made and Michele will review at home. She will email any comments. Pat will resend the article to us.

Review Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Information The NHESP comments were incorporated into the various sections for rare plant, rare animal, BioMap and vernal pools. It was decided that members did not need to review the sections again.

Review SRPEDD Grant for technical assistance to complete and print the plan Jenn described the grant to the members and stated she requested funds to continue with Nancy's assistance to

finish Section 5, for full size copies of the Open Space Maps, and printing for 15 copies of the 2-sided, color nearly 300 page OSRP.

Review and edit Section 5: Open Space Inventory The DCR changes to Section 5 made it difficult to follow since the headings all seem to have the same name. Jennifer described the changes required by the 2008 revision to the Open Space Guidelines including the new focus on private land instead of public land. Members reviewed the opening portion of Section 5, and the private land portion. Members didn't have time to review the other two parts of section 5 and Jennifer noticed that she had made other revisions that weren't on their copies. So, she will resend the last two portions of Section 5 for review at the next meeting.

Review maps The maps were not available for review, it will be on the next meeting.

Letterboxing Melissa Haskell is trying to get 300 letterboxes in town for the Tri-centennial and for a tribute to her relatives. Jennifer thought the open space committee would like to participate since it is a fun activity that might get more kids involved. She described the project and members were in favor of trying it out. They will ask Ms. Haskell to another meeting and may try to find some of the boxes at Johnson Acres.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Old Business

Open Session (for Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance)

New Business

Next meeting will be March 3, 2011 at 6:30pm