



Minutes

TOWN OF NORTON

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Committee or
Governing Body

Open Space Committee

Day, Date and
Time of Meeting

Thursday, March 31, 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 4/14/2011

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

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

Minutes of March 17, 2011 Pat made a motion, seconded by Joan to accept the minutes, Michele abstained, Approved.

Open space plan update

Support letters and final submittal Two support letters have been received. Pat read the letter from the Recreation Commission and Michele read the letter from SRPEDD both supporting the OSRP.

Preparation for Selectmen presentation In preparation for the BOS presentation, we will make copies of the OSRP pamphlet. We will make note that the draft OSRP is currently on the town's website and we are requesting comments and support letters. Several packets went out to local boards and non-profits. We requested letters before April 14, 2011.

Our presentation should mention we've been working on it for 2 years, with many updated sections and new sections. We will describe the public outreach and meetings and the on-line survey. We should highlight that people like the semi-rural nature of the town, want more recreational opportunities, more walking paths, boat ramps, and a town park. We will try to show the previous open space map and compare to the new one. We will also show the action plan. Jennifer will contact SRPEDD for our E size maps. People also want better communication and have noticed all the trash and disturbance. Need for town trash and recycling.

Calendar of events *Our vernal pool walk is April 9 from 10 –noon at Johnson Woods. Jennifer viewed the site this week and there is some vandalism and litter that needs to be cleaned before people show up. Members decided to show up at 9am. Pat and Joan will pick up trash and Jennifer and Michele will scan the pool for critters to put in buckets. Michele noted that we need to contact the police about the vandalism and Pat thought we should put pictures in the paper with an article about it.*

Old Business *Sue was not accepted to the Keystone program this year but may try again. Michele would also like to apply.*

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

New Business *Jennifer said she received an email about the Tricentennial Park project and attended their meeting today. She showed the members the email (attached). Members would like to participate when the time is right. Jennifer will let them know when. She also found a grant that they might be able to use and applied for it today. Scotts Miracle Grow has a GRO1000 grant with the goal of installing 1000 gardens and green spaces by 2018. The grant is for \$1500.00 and/or technical assistance. It will be announced on May 20, 2011.*

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.