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Minutes

TOWN OF NORTON

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**Committee or
Governing Body**

Open Space Committee

**Day, Date and
Time of Meeting**

Thursday, July 21, 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 8/11/11

Minutes

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 June 2, 2011, June 30, 2011 and July 14, 2011 members reviewed minutes of June 2, 2011. Pat made a motion to accept, seconded by Sue. Approved.

Open space plan update

Final submittal Final submittal has been stalled. Jennifer's computer is not working properly so the cd she copied didn't work. SRPEDD will wait for a new cd of the final version of the OSRP before making the print and cd copies for us. Once received, we'll forward to DCR. Members agreed the final letter to DCR looked ok and didn't need edits.

Copies of cds to distribute

Calendar of events

Prepare for July event, Town Forest Clean-up with Tree Warden on July 17, 2011 at 10am. We reviewed the July 17 event with Mike Tierney. We had Kerrienne, Warren, Mason and James Cummins attend and a National Honor Society student from Norton High School join us. We finished moving all but one of the piles since it was infested with bees.

Review June event

Plan other events The night hike is confirmed for August 13 at Johnson Acres at 7:30pm. We'll hike around and go to the field to listen for nocturnal animals, lightning bugs and see the stars.

Other events include a Sept 17 letterboxing hike at Woodward Woods, off Gateway Lane. We'll try

to find the 6 letterboxes hidden in the forest. Event from 10-noon. Jenn will copy the letterboxing info for the members for the next meeting.

October 15 will be the Fall Foliage hike at Leo Yelle Conservation Area on Freeman Street. We'll try to pair it with a plant search/scavenger hunt. Event from 10-noon.

Norton Conservation Land Stewardship Program

Bedford and Arlington examples Members reviewed the samples from other towns and liked the Handbook idea. Jenn will draft a handbook for Norton and we'll start thinking about organizing the kick-off meeting. Members also liked the inspection form and thought it was easy to use. We'll try it out in the field before we finalize it. Jenn will send the handbook for the next meeting. Sue contacted the local churches about posting our notices.

Old Business

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

New Business

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm. Next meeting will be August 11th.