

## NAHANT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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### MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of Meeting: July 30, 2020

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Committee Members Present: Ellen Antrim, Margaret Alexander, Paula Devereaux, Nancy Cantelmo

Members of Public Present: Diane Montieth

Review of previous meeting minutes. Ellen moves to approve, Nancy seconds, approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Paula connected with Ralph Wilmer of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). He is a technical assistance planning counselor and recently helped the town of Hamilton. The technical assistance program is partially funded by State and other funds, and our plan is something they could help with. We can contract directly with them, without going through Chapter 30b process. They would like to see a working draft of our plan. Could talk with him at our next meeting. Don't have to do an RFP. Still need to discuss money and how it would work.

Ellen has reviewed other towns' plans. Conditional approval is very common; for this, the draft should be mostly complete. Survey Monkey seems to be what everyone is using, some towns also do youth surveys through their schools. Small meetings and bigger meetings. Interview town employees. Rockport, similarities as a coastal town. They got conditional approval for their plan in the past year. Good plan and similar to what we are working on now. Swampscott's plan is interactive on Town Website. They have a blog, keep people updated and involved with what is going on with Open Space in the town. Paula – we seem to be missing recreation. Nancy – have to include about veterans. Ellen – we could have public meetings by Zoom.

Margaret – update on sections. Working with Barry Sidwell and John Benson. Nancy – update on public library project. Link to library Walk Nahant project. On the library website to be downloaded. Very well done. Johnson School gardens, heritage trail. Margaret to walk area with John Benson to update various plant sections as outlined in previous open space plan. Heritage

trail. Take old report and library booklet with us on walks. Paula talked with Ralph about how what we need is help with pictures, graphs, making it look good and slick. Who did library's book? Looks great. Margaret to get sections to Paula that are already done. Margaret to walk with John Benson to update vegetation section.

Nancy – good idea to look at last survey that last committee did before it dissolved. Noticed that the survey done for 2008 was interpreted, tabulated by Bernie Yaddoff and Emily Potts. Sherry Smith was on previous committee – said surveys very important that would help us in writing this report. Ex. Veterans. Paula to send survey around to the committee. What we've been working on is the middle of the report. Survey will help set up purpose, goals, needs and objectives. Ellen – should we be interfacing with veterans and recreation department? Paula- yes, need to do extensive outreach after we have a good working draft.

Dana Sheehan resigned. Give thought to if anyone wants to volunteer for the seat. Reach out to Tony and Dave Conlin. Bobby-Jo.

Next meeting is set for Thursday, August 27 @ 7 pm

Ellen moves to adjourn, Margaret seconds. The Committee votes unanimously to adjourn by roll call vote.