NAHANT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of Meeting: December 17, 2019

Call to Order: 7:00

Members Present: Ellen Antrim, Margaret Alexander, Paula Devereaux, Dana Sheehan

Presentation by Lynn Spencer of Community Preservation Committee

  2nd Public Meeting, inviting grant applications
  Funded by real estate fees statewide, in past years supplemented by legislature, state match

  Suggestions include: Dog Park, Historical Archives, Invasive Species Removal, Housing Authority, Town Hall – handicap access as part of preservation and automatic openers
  Historic district

  Grant applications go to town meeting as warrant articles
  $30,000 available to the Committee for planning purposes
  January 31, deadline for additional applications

Tony’s list
  - Town Hall handicap access (ramp and door openers easy ones)
  - Men’s softball field $20,000 (benches, clean up the area like did for women’s field)
    hosting traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial July 2020
  - Cleaning up park area after storm – replace one piece of playground equipment
    $20,000
  - Basketball off of Spring Road – paint, new hoops, fencing on 2 sides, clean up
    $20,000
  - Rights of way – Planning Board, recapture, especially little Nahant, fencing, stairs

Review of previous meeting minutes. Ellen move to approve, Paula seconds, approved unanimously.

Grant opportunity presented by Tony. Look at language from 2018 Town Meeting warrant. Due date in May. Up to $10,000 reimbursement. Hire somebody to do an open space plan.

Get history on Right of Ways – was there a vote allocating responsibility to Planning Board?

If we were going to hire somebody, what would we want them to do?
Outline of how we want the plan to look
At least one public meeting – to help come up with a plan
Find out who needs to approve the open space plan
Draft to planning, selectmen, conservation, mass state division of conservation services
Letter of support from other committees helpful - recreation

January 31 deadline
- Bailey’s Hill heritage trail
- Invasive species – Lodge Park
- Figure out how to budget, get quote

Ellen and Margaret to work on budgeting and quote for invasive species remediation

Margaret and Ellen to work on MEPA letter, include Canoe beach

Josh Antrim – there are offers to donate money to pay for trees in Nahant open spaces
Baileys Hill/bunker area

Meet Thursday, January 2, 2020 7pm at Town Hall to discuss MEPA letter draft

Invite Zach Taylor from DPW to next meeting after that – Paula to check on his availability

Motion to adjourn Margaret, Dana seconds approved unanimously