

NAHANT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of Meeting: April 9, 2020

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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

Also Present: Emily Potts, Alice Cort, Diane Montieth, Michelle Capano

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

Update on CPC grant for Open Space – Supporting statement put into the warrant for town meeting. Finalizing the language for warrant that goes into town meeting. Dana did the text - basic intro, support. \$41,000 voted by the CPC committee. Perhaps we can apply for grants or donations for additional plantings.

Discussion of Open Space Plan Requirements

Utilize Table of Contents from 2008 Open Space Plan

Incorporate preparation for climate change. Paula to touch base Municipal Vulnerability Committee.

A lot of material from 2008 can still stay. Bobbi Joe Blair converted PDF for us, but difficult to open. Paula suggests distributing sections to members. Nancy converted it to another file but opened it from Dropbox. Dana could look at it but not edit it.

Dana - Section 5

Paula - E, F, 4G, and interface with MVC on this

Ellen - 6 & 7

Nancy - 2 & 3

Margaret - 4 A, B, C&D

Move forward on rest together as a committee. Good place start. How best to frame what we need from a consultant? Paula will send sections by email to each committee member.

Selectmen notice on preserving East Point by eminent domain. Request from Keep Nahant Wild to get a strong statement from Open Space Committee. Ellen supports it 100%. Nancy also

supports and believes it's within the purview and responsibility of what we are supposed to be doing as the Open Space Committee. Dana thinks it's a high price to pay, concerned it could be at expense of other open spaces. Paula is supportive. East Point is at least as important as the golf course – ex town paid a lot to get it back. Prefer to see a settlement. Ellen moves to vote, Nancy seconds. Nancy – yes, Margaret – yes, Dana – yes, Paula – yes. Open Space Committee supports utilizing eminent domain to reclaim land at East Point consistent with the notice the selectmen sent out. Margaret moves to vote, Ellen seconds. Margaret – yes, Ellen, yes, Dana – no, Nancy – yes, Paula – yes

Diane Monteith. Requesting we write another letter to MEPA. Comments due by April 24 at 5 pm. Hoping for an extension – up to NE to grant extension. Paula volunteers to write the draft to be approved at our next meeting.

Next meeting Wed April 22 7:00 pm

Ellen moves to adjourn, Nancy seconds. Votes to adjourn unanimously by roll call vote