

NAHANT OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of Meeting: September 24, 2020

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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

Members of Public Present: Ralph Wilmer

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

Ralph –

MAPC – regional planning agency covers NE. variety of plans including open space and recreation plans. Been with them 5.5 years. Before that was a planning consultant – has done many os plans as a private consultant

Town requested assistance. Ralph has received and reviewed our working draft plan – 1st 4 sections. A few issues town is looking for assistance on – doing the maps, public outreach, Demographics, needs to be flushed out. Conservations services would require more demographic info on housing, jobs and employment data. 2010 census data included – need to include population trends going forward to 2030. Can help with charts and tables so have more than just straight data. Additional info regarding Dept of Conservation services would want to see. 2008 DCS – latest version of the workbook – governs the open space requirements. One woman operation. Starting for ask for certain things that go beyond the workbook – ex. Climate change. Ex. Recreational potential – add, ball fields, basketball courts. Are there changes contemplated to what is there? May be no changes – need to say that. A couple of columns need to be added – acreage. Also may want to consider 7 year instead of 5 year action plan.

Nancy – American Community Survey, through Census Bureau – good place to go for updated information.

Paula – what is the best way forward

Ralph – can draw up scope of services, committee members can do as much of the legwork as we wish. Help with action plan. Identify funding sources – cpa and other grant sources. They use Qualtrix which is upgraded version of Survey Monkey – easier to tabulate results. Can also use paper system. Ellen – yes, they can do site visits, can evaluate ADA assessment. Much of the recreation is out for bids for significant improvement. DPW in charge of maintaining. 9 months starting from scratch, given our work could take 5-6 months.

Ralph to draft scope of work, get it to us in a week to 10 days.

Employment info -

Things we can do in the meantime

Work on inventory. Look at other towns and see what's they've done.

We haven't been able to get Tony's reaction to this. Might be more available after Town Meeting.

Planning board might be a good resource.

Acreage should be in assessor's records.

Ellen - inventory

Nancy -

Paula – MEPA filings

All – look over other plans, Rockport, Swampscott – video on town website, rights of way

Margaret – reach out to planning board, any additional info on rights of way, even getting a liaison we can work with. Cal Hastings.

Next meeting TBD depending on when we receive the scope of work from Ralph.

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