**NAHANT OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION PLAN COMMITTEE**

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of Meeting: February 2, 2021

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

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

Members of Public Present: Ralph Wilmer, Courtney Lewis (both from MAPC)

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

Courtney Lewis – OSRP update presentation

Having a plan makes us eligible for grants. Last plan completed in 2008. The previous vision may be modified, after internal discussions by the committee and input from the community.

Assess resources, community and management needs and formulate a seven-year action plan – to meet future goals. The workbook provides guidance on which sections must be updated, vs which are required. Equitable access to open spaces is a topic that should be addressed in some way.

Discussion on project timeline. Usually completed over 6-8 month timeframe. We will have 2 community for a, which will be virtual due to Covid and will do an online community survey.

MAPC will need a parks’ facilities tour to get understanding of the parks and we will look for opportunities to meet with one or two focus groups depending on specific needs of the community. Based on community feedback we can begin to tackle the second half of the plan.

Expectations of this committee

* Offer ideas and expertise
* Report on and provide updates on recent park and open space improvements and land acquisition
* Assist with new 2021 7 yr. action plan
* Assist in developing inventory of lands
* Review project maps and draft sections of the plan

Outreach and public engagement

* Community survey, stakeholder interviews, virtual meetings/forums, advisory bodies
* Look for more ways to reach people (school)
* Radio, social media, billboard- signs coming into town

Outreach strategy spreadsheet – living document, anyone can edit it

Lynn Item, do press release, later the better, wants people to rsvp

School newsletter, Facebook groups, get the word out to different age groups

Library – newsletter and website

Preparing for public forum – suggested sometime in March. Paula can outreach with Tony Barletta on scheduling it in mid to late-March. 23 or 24 both possibilities at 7 pm

Discussion on community survey. Courtney suggests another internal meeting before the forum in March

Parks tour - Important, interesting, popular parks to give MAPC an good idea which are heavily used, need to be upgraded, something significant about it, recently renovated etc. Wait for a little bit nicer weather.

Committee Homework – input list of parks and open spaces we should tour, populate outreach spreadsheet

MAPC can provide Zoom links

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Meet on March 2. Next meeting TBD

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

*Respectfully submitted to the Town Clerk’s Office as approved at the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee Meeting on March 2, 2021.*