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Norton Town Hall, 2nd floor

Next Meeting:
2/7/2024

Minutes

4:00pm Open Meeting

Members: Mike Rainville, Mike Martone, Melissa Niziolek, and Amelia Lydon

Staff: John Thomas, Agent; Megan Harrop, Secretary

Also, in attendance Daniel Pearson member of the Conservation Commission, as well as Steven Warchal a member of the Planning Board. John Thomas Conservation Agent

OLD BUSINESS/ NEW BUSINESS/ Discussion

- Review new format /live document

Mike Rainville goes over the new format with the committee. The committee agrees that each member will prioritize the goals and objectives by rating each goal in order of priority, then rating each objective under said goal in order of priority. The purpose of rating the priorities is to understand what the committee as a whole agrees is more valuable/important for the town and use that information as a starting point to base future plans on. The committee agrees to have the prioritized list completed by the next meeting, 2/7/2024. It is also mentioned that at the same time if members would like to add any goals/objectives that they think are missing or could be expanded on they write them down for discussion at the next meeting. Town-wide trash and recycling was brought up and agreed that it would be a good idea to try and pursue.

- Community survey, discussion

John Thomas states that so far 43 people have responded to the community survey. A lot of the responses were informative and will be considered while moving forward with the Open Space Plan. It is also mentioned that more than half that took the survey were in favor of a dog park. John Thomas mentions that any dog parks would need regular maintenance, which would need to be looked into as far as funding and feasibility.

- Identify value properties

The committee agrees to talk in depth about value properties at a later date once the goals and objectives have been prioritized. It is discussed that some properties may need to be resurveyed in the future, due to minor discrepancies.

- Specify goals for certain properties

Committee agrees to talk in depth about goals for properties at a later date.

- Next steps

Committee determines that everyone on their own time will prioritize goals and objectives before the next meeting, and be ready for discussion.

- Review minutes from 12/6/2023

Minutes approved by committee 1/3/2024

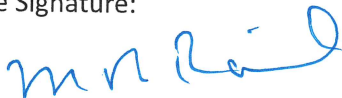
OPEN SESSION (FOR TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48HRS IN ADVANCE)
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Steven Warchal, speaks to the committee. He states his interest in the Open Space Committee and has an in-depth discussion with the members and John Thomas about possible avenues the committee may be interested in looking at.

Respectfully Submitted by: Megan Harrop

Minutes Approved by Commission on:

Open Space Signature:

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