



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Open Space Committee

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Open Space Committee Meeting Minutes November 26, 2018

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall, 63 Main Street

Members Present: John Campbell (Chairman), Leslie Harrison, Dan Clark, Ashley Davies, Paul Tagliaferri, Amy Poretsky

Members Absent: Greg Young, David Putnam, Tim Kaelin

Others Present: Mia McDonald (Conservation Agent), Al & Lorraine Yellick of 125 Rice Ave, see attached Sign-In Sheet.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

125 Rice Avenue – Al & Lorraine Yellick presented the history of their land at 125 Rice Avenue. The November 9, 2018 appraisal report from William King was reviewed. The report produced a value of \$120,000 for the 16 acres of backland utilizing the Sales Comparison Approach. The Yellicks and the Committee discussed possible uses of the land. The Committee suggested the Yellicks should meet with Mr. Bob Frederico, the Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Office for the Town. Mr. Frederico could help them with a Zoning Determination to decide the next steps for their desired use of their land.

Project Updates

- Town Common – The two public meetings have been completed. The Board of Selectmen will vote to accept the final design at their December 17 meeting.
- Master Plan – The vision statement and goals are complete and available on the website. The Open Space Committee members are encouraged to read and provide comment.
- Open Space and Recreation Plan – Draft is being completed in house. Goals are currently being reviewed by staff. Data from Master Plan shall be utilized.
- Aqueduct Trail – Staff is working with the Trails Committee to draft a request to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority to officially open Phase 2 of the aqueduct trails in town. Phase 2 runs from the Edmunds Hill Woods to the Berlin line.

Old/New Business

- 302 Church Street – Maney Property – Ms. Davies spoke with the owner of the property to provide information on possible conservation choices. Ms. Davies plans to meet with Ms. Maney again in early 2019.

- Review meeting schedule for 2018-2019 – the next meeting was scheduled for January 28, 2019. The website shall be updated to state that the Committee meets the fourth Monday of the month as needed.
- Minutes discussion – The Committee members reviewed the draft minutes from the September 20 meeting. Ms. Davies made a motion, Mr. Clark seconded, and all voted in favor of accepting the minutes as written.

Adjourn

Cc Town Clerk
Town Administrator
Conservation Commission
Town Engineer
Recreation Director
DPW Director

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