

**PROVINCETOWN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING WITH THE PLANNING BOARD
JUDGE WELSH ROOM**

February 27, 2014

6:30 P.M.

Chair Mark Weinress called the Work Session to order at 7:15 P.M.

Joint Meeting with the Conservation Commission regarding the establishment of a Greenway along Route 6:

Members of the Conservation Commission present were Dennis Minsky, Barbara Prato, David Hale and Mark Irving. Members of the Open Space Committee present were Steve Milkewicz, David Hale, Dennis Minsky and April Baxter. Brian Carlson, Conservation Agent, was also present. The Commission, explained Chair Dennis Minsky, was directed by a Town Meeting vote in 2010 to survey and define the Greenway from the Provincetown town line to the National Seashore.

He explained that the Greenway has been defined and mapped by the Commission and included in the Open Space and Recreation Plan, a document approved by the Board of Selectmen. He stated that the discussion this evening was to determine if this area needs more protection and if so, to task the Board with revising Zoning By-Laws to accomplish that goal. Currently it is protected by the Wetlands Protection Act and the Town By-Laws. He explained that the Greenway came into being as a reaction to damage done to several staging areas by the Dept. of Public Works when the sewer was being installed. The Town was fined for that activity and had to mitigate those areas.

Mr. Carlson explained several maps of the Greenway that were projected on the Prometheus screen. The Board, the Commission and the Committee discussed the maps. The issue of how to protect the Greenway was discussed, including whether any new zoning by-laws were needed and it was suggested that the Greenway could be zoned as an overlay district. Ms. McPherson explained that the overlay district wouldn't change the underlying uses that were allowed, but could result in increased buffer requirements in order to preserve the viewscape. In addition, a Special Permit could be mandated for any site plans submitted for the area, as well as the imposition of restoration requirements. An overlay district would involve a change in the zoning map. The Board will look at the issue and discuss possible amendments to the Zoning By-Laws in the future.

These minutes were approved by a vote of the Conservation Commission at their meeting on _____, 2014

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Carlson

Approved by _____ on _____, 2014
Dennis Minsky, Chair