

## PUBLIC LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Date:** Monday, September 10, 2018

2:00 p.m.

**Caucus Meeting Room, Provincetown Town Hall**

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** Bill Docker, Anika Costa, Allan MacKinnon, John Krajovic, Steve Wlodkowski  
(DPW), Curtis Balom, Dennis Minsky

**Excused Absence:** Frank Vasello

**Absent:** N/A

### Committee Discussion – Working Group Reports - Decisions – Action Items –Reports – Etc.

#### 1. Public Statements

Dennis Minsky from the Open Spaces Committee gave a presentation regarding purchase and development of a waterfront park on the lot where Law Street meets Commercial Street. He's discussed with a number of stakeholders in preparation for the meeting, but he could use help with funding and creative ideas. The pre-acquisition funds have been used already. The Open Space Committee is recommending to the town meeting that we purchase the land using land fund which is 3% surcharge on taxes. The cost will be less than the \$2.8 million current in the fund. OSC has also applied for a PARC grant which comes from the state. Will hear about grant just before the town meeting. Dennis gave an overview of how some the town's tax income is allocated and how funding might work for this project, including the Community Preservation Act, Community Preservation Committee, the land bank, Coastal Zone Management, Public Conservation Commission, Provincetown Conservation Trust, etc. *B. Docker:* Town meeting is October 29 and materials must be ready early, in just a couple of weeks. If we join forces on this, we must get everything done early. Lost by 16 and 18 votes last time. It will be important to talk to key influencers so they will weigh in on it in our favor. We can vote to write a letter of support as a committee. Might be good to get input from Brandon in the Recreation Department and talk to the Arts Commission to ask for some sort of public works to go there. *A. Costa:* Should also talk to the Cultural Council. *D. Minsky:* It could be a great gift for future generations, possibly counter some coastal erosion and development fatigue in town. *A. MacKinnon:* There are other parks (Bourne and Hyannis,) that should be visited or should talk to people who spearheaded those projects.

#### 2. Chair Report

##### a. David Geiger – Cedums: Next step?

Has many. Wants to wait until he's sure we can take of them. He has a four varieties. Where going? Tedeschi Island is being rebuilt, no need to put there. Municipal Pier Parking Lot? Could add sedums and just have petunia in spots. Discussion of Tedeschi Island and what needs to happen there. The various businesses around the island are trying to coordinate their work. Steve mentioned that Bill should contact Rich at DPW to discuss PLC requests and get an overview of current plans.

### 3. Project Reports

#### a. Rt. 6 Wildflowers - FV

Bill: not sure yet where the town land ends. Steve: there will be a construction plan which will include landscape. All has to go through Mass DOT. Time for input is during the next public session. The committee can also have a sitdown with Rich. Have discussion with Rich now on Tedeschi due to the timing. Work will likely happen this winter

#### b. Discussion/Finalization Bus Stop Park Presentation - JK

Sat down with Ray to talk about cutting slides. He's giving the presentation so some of the slides will move very quickly, so he's hesitant to cut stuff. RFP has to be issued by town about waterfront park. Sending email today to David and others to ask for time to brief them on the concept.

### 4. DPW Liaison report

#### a. Funding for first landing park: there is \$200K in CIP. That's a good amount. It should go far.

Contact at Community center is Jenny Bender. There is a landscape plan, but they are not doing everything at once. (They have a 99 year lease). Bill will contact first. John says trees should go in first. AIDS memorial work: there is supposed to be a site plan coming from someone, showing dimensions and reinforcing. We don't currently have one. Steve and Rich need a plan or a set of drawing defining what has to be done. The plan for the footing may have some of this information. John: you need a civil engineering plan. The question is who will do it. It will take time and money. Either the town does it in-house or they hire someone. Steve: likely nothing this fall because of everything that is needed. Bill: signs can be removed and bushes can be leveled. If skirt doesn't go up this year, need to go into budget for future. Have 2500 donation from cape air for bench to look over this space. Discussion of when or whether this has come up for us. Michelle Haynes contacted Bill about it. Discussion of what needs to happen with AIDS memorial and the completed work in relation to the older memorials. They need maintenance. Bill: will discuss with Rich

### 5. New Business

#### a. Fall Plantings?

For review at next two meeting as part of overall planning sessions.

#### b. Review Summer Plantings and Costs

For review at next two meeting as part of overall planning sessions.

#### c. Purchase of additional planters: Locations?

For review at next two meeting as part of overall planning sessions.

#### d. MacMillian Pier Plantings: Permanent for 2019?

For review at next two meeting as part of overall planning sessions.

#### e. Waterfront Park on Commercial Street at Law Street

J. Krajovic: Met with Tim Famulare and Dennis Minsky about the waterfront space for sale and identified a few places that where similar work has been done that might be good to reference for planning purposes. Dennis had sketches, but John suggested a more formal presentation. Ray Dunetz estimated it would take approximately \$1500 for his part in developing something that would be appropriate for Dennis's presentation. John feels it's currently the most significant open space development in town. Bill: The concept of commissions and committees working together is something the town likes and it's a great way for us to work with a committee whose work dovetails with ours.

Motion by B. Docker that PLC allocate \$1,500.00 to development of an illustrative plan to add to the Open Spaces Committee's presentation for the town body to be given at the Special Town Meeting, October 29, 2018.

Motion seconded by A. MacKinnon  
Motion approved by a vote of 5/0

e. Review of work-to-date, goals, funding and planning

Worked hard the past couple of years to increase visibility and credibility. Our plan needs to be that we become part of the planning stages rather than being brought in after the plan is locked in.

We also need to consider additional funding avenues. People like to give money to projects or people they believe in. Our success and visibility the past couple of years may be donations a viable avenue for funding. Allan: 2020 is a big event and could be a major focus in our funding drive. Bill: I will add the topic to our October agenda. Anika: We also need to use the October meeting to create an overview of our projects for planning purposes.

f. Review of benches. Anika mentioned that if they are delivered to Provincetown DPW Buildings and Grounds Garage off cemetery road (as discussed in our last meeting), there are potential issues with timing and communications. (The garage is open Monday – Thursday, but sometime closes early on Friday.) We need to ensure that she is notified so benches can be checked. Bill and Anika will meet to discuss needs then present these to DPW.

6. Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion by B. Docker to approve minutes of August 23, 2018 once the noted edits are included.

Motion seconded by C. Balom  
Motion approved unanimously, a vote of 4/0

7. Treasurer's Report / Invoice Payments

Balance in General Fund: \$10,623.05

Balance in Gift Fund: \$7,580.26

Motion by *A. MacKinnon* to pay Ray Dunetz Landscape Architect invoice number 1737 for 250.00 from the Public Landscape Committee Gift Fund

Motion seconded by *A. Costa*  
Motion approved by a vote of 5/0

8. New Business: Any new business that could not be reasonably anticipated within the 48-hour posting requirement.

N/A

9. Set Date for Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Provincetown Beautification Committee will be held:  
Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Caucus Room at Town Hall  
260 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA

The November meeting of the Provincetown Beautification Committee will be held:  
Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Caucus Room at Town Hall  
260 Commercial St., Provincetown, MA

**Adjourned:** 4:15 p.m.

Motion by *B. Docker*

Motion seconded by *A. Costa*

Motion approved by a vote of 5/0

Respectfully submitted,  
Curtis Balom, Committee Clerk