

Minutes of the Open Space Committee, March 12, 2019

The Open Space Committee met on March 12, 2019, at 10:00 AM, in Caucus Hall, in Provincetown Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657

Members present: Robin Evans, Susan Avellar, and Dennis Minsky (recording)

Also present: Tim Famulare, Provincetown Conservation Agent and Environmental Planner, and Josee' Young, Provincetown Financial Director

The meeting convened at 10:05

Young presented to the committee the status of the Land Bank fund. For the past few years, the Land Bank fund double paid a portion of its budgeted expenditures. Once directly from the Land Bank fund and again as a transfer to the general fund where the Land Bank Fund expenditures were budgeted. The overpaid expenditures, which represent an amount owed to the Land Bank Fund from the General Fund, totaled \$191,288.00 and was repaid to the Land Bank Fund in FY19. In the past the Land Bank fund was within the General Fund, but that is no longer the case. Article 20 in the upcoming Town accomplishes this. Young also reported that conversations with the State revealed that the Land Bank fund will exist beyond 2020, even though there will be no more incoming revenue: a multi-year fund is appropriate.

Article 20

Avellar moved to recommend Article 20 as printed in the warrant.

Minsky seconded. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

Article 9

Evans moved to recommend Article 9 as printed in the warrant.

Minsky seconded. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

Article 7

Avellar moved to **NOT** recommend Article 7 as printed in the warrant.

Evans seconded. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

Article 17

Avellar moved to recommend Article 17 as printed in the warrant.

Evans seconded. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

Article 18

Minsky moved to recommend Article 18 as printed in the warrant.

Avellar seconded. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

Article 21

Avellar moved to recommend Article 21 as printed in the warrant.

Minsky seconded. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

The committee discussed Articles 14 and 15 but decided that there was no jurisdictional authority and therefore the committee has no recommendation.

Famulare presented a summary of the two 2018/2019 acquisition projects. The Hall purchase has been finalized. A temporary sign has been erected and the chain along Commercial Street has been removed. The Dwyer closing is to be accomplished by March 20.

Regarding the Hall property, the committee had previously (February 11, 2019) approved a contract for \$2,000 with the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts for a Conservation Restriction. Mark Robinson, of the Compact, communicated that there might be an additional expense of \$500.00 for assistance with PARC grant compliance.

Minsky moved to approve the expenditure of no more than \$500.00 from the Pre-acquisition Fund for PARC grant compliance for the Hall property.

Evans seconded. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

Minsky moved that the committee approve the minutes of February 11, 2019 as corrected.

Evans seconded. The motion passed, 3-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00

Dennis Minsky, Co-chair

