

Minutes of the Open Space Committee, 10/3/08 11:02-12:50

Members present: Elizabeth Patrick, Steve Milkewicz, and Dennis Minsky (recording)

Also present: David Gardner (Assistant Town Manager) and Celine Gandolfo (Conservation Trust)

-The minutes of 9/26/08 were reviewed and approved with modifications (3-0-0)

-Olga Opsahl-Ghee and her son Harry appeared to discuss the matter of acquisition of parcels of their land on Harry Kemp Way.

-There was a discussion of the Cape Cod Commission's Land Use Vision map. Dennis and Celine had attended the presentation at the October 1 Planning Board meeting and discovered discrepancies between the Commission's map and the one that the Open Space had submitted to the Commission. The Committee began to review the map, but did not finish that project.

-Steve Milkewicz moved, and Elizabeth Patrick seconded, that the Committee prepare a history of the achievements of the Land Bank funds since their inception, including all positive aspects, matching funds, other grants, and cooperation with the Provincetown Conservation Trust. The motion passed 3-0-0.

-The matter of the land at Browne Street Extension was brought up. There was general agreement to put this matter on hold for the time being.

-The remainder of the meeting was taken up with a continued discussion of the matter of the "unappropriated" \$406,000 from the Shank Painter Pond Wildlife Sanctuary acquisition.

There was general agreement that the Committee would like to hear from Alix Heilala (Town Accountant) again about the entire process, and preferably have a written account of same, along with all pertinent documents; further, there was agreement that Ms Heilala provide an exact answer as to the expense to the taxpayers of not applying the full \$496,000 at the time the funds were received.

Most importantly, it was agreed that Ms Heilala explain her statement at our 9/26 meeting to the effect that the funds are considered "borrowed money" and thus not applicable to paying off the bond, when they were clearly, in the Committee's view, the results of two grants.

The above requests of Ms Heilala were put forward as a motion and approved 3-0-0.

Steve Milkewicz moved, and Elizabeth Patrick seconded, that the Open Space Committee require that the "unappropriated \$406,000 plus any accrued interest be applied to the bond for the Shank Painter Pond Wildlife Sanctuary. The motion was approved 3-0-0.

-Steve Milkewicz moved, and Elizabeth Patrick seconded, that if the above referenced monies can not be applied to the bond for the Shank Painter Pond Wildlife Sanctuary specifically, that they continue to be reserved and used for conservation land acquisition. The motion was approved 3-0-0/

Meeting adjourned at 12:50.

Submitted by Dennis Minsky, chair.