

## **Minutes of the Open Space Committee, January 13, 2009, 3:00 to 4:30**

Members present: Ghee Patrick, Steve Milkewicz, and Dennis Minsky (chair, and recorder)

Also present: Celine Gandolfo (Provincetown Conservation Trust) and Jon Sinaiko

The committee discussed the issue of land conservation in general, and specifically, in terms of individual projects to present to Town Meeting.

The committee also discussed the upcoming (1/31/09) Compact of Conservation Trusts meeting in Wellfleet that will deal solely with the topic of conservation restrictions. Dennis informed the committee that a list of over 50 Provincetown property owners (of land of potential interest as Open Space) was compiled by the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts and notices of the meeting were sent to these people.

There was also a discussion of the possible acquisition of land off Browne Street, initiated by the Conservation Commission, that is being considered for use as a community garden. The Conservation Commission was approached by the owner of the undeveloped land, and has been researching its possible purchase and management, and various aspects of these actions were discussed.

The committee also heard a presentation by Jon Sinaiko concerning the sale of his property to the town with the use of Land Bank funding; Mr. Sinaiko also has a proposal before the Community Preservation Committee. Various aspects of this property, "Suzanne's Garden", were discussed, including its assessed value, a necessary appraisal, and maintenance issues.