

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 13, 2004

Meeting called to order 3:05PM

Members present: Ron, Celine, Robin, Steve

Old Business

Recoup of budget meeting with Town Manager: monies available through remainder of fiscal year (June) for management. Keith suggested prioritizing steps to management plan implementation meeting with DPW, a meeting he will mediate.

Public Statements

Grassy Santos requested joint meeting with ConCom to hasten implementation of management for conservation lands, esp Shankpainter Pond. 'Management Plan Subcommittee' explained (members from PCT, Concom and OSC) and their work outlined.

Management Plan --Shankpainter Pond

Following is suggested list of work to be done:

1. gates: one with lock at Ship's Way entrance and 2nd designed with 4 posts at Rt 6 entrance (vehicular access)
2. fire hydrant... is it active? needed? check with Fire Dept for fire plan. Ron to contact Fire Chief
3. handicap access: Celine to check with Mark Robinson? wooden walkway vs. trailbed
4. parking: Robin to check on ownership of Rt 6 land, curb cut and space for 4-6 cars (incl 1 handicapped)
5. revegetation plan: for entrance trail and surround. To contact NPS, USDA.
6. trail plan: ? handicap access. ? implementation cost and schedule.
 - a. main trail width 5' (entrance trail) and platform
 - b. west end trail width 4'
 - c. loop trail width 3' (incl steps on steep incline)
7. signs:
 - a. rules and regulations
 - b. information
 - c. entrance
 - d. parking
8. observation deck
9. benches, bike rack

Priorities determined to be #1: revegetation and trail plan, #2 signs, #3 parking.

Next steps: Celine to contact Mark Robinson

Ron to contact USDA

Robin to contact Keith

'Subcommittee' will meet Jan 3rd for site walk and meeting.

Update : on Wells property and idea to acquire unused portion of Theatre Co. land adjacent to I Bank purchase. Theatre Co to return response after next board meeting.

Minutes approved Sept 27, 2004 by motion by Celine and 2nd by Steve Vote unanimous
Meeting adjourned 4:15PM.