

## Minutes of the Open Space Committee for October 29, 2010

The meeting took place at the Provincetown Community Center, on Bradford Street, in the Yellow Room, and ran from 2 PM until 3:45 PM

Members present: Steve Milkewicz, Hank Janowsky, Dave Hale, and Dennis Minsky (chair, and recording); also present: Celine Gandolfo (Provincetown Conservation Trust)

Minutes: Minsky moved to approve the minutes of 10/21/10 with the addition of Brian Carlson in attendance; Milkewicz seconded; the minutes were approved, 4-0-0.

### Land acquisition

There was a general discussion of the role of conservation restrictions in preserving open space and it was agreed that committee members should become more informed about them.

There was a general discussion of various properties in town, in both the east and west ends.

### Stewardship

There was a general discussion of stewardship issues, especially trail maintenance at Nicky's Park and weed clearing at the entrance to the Shank Painter Uplands area. Possible sources of labor include Americorps volunteers (but their involvement is limited), Conservation Trust members, a "citizen corps" that Brian Carlson is attempting to organize, and Council on Aging seniors who utilize the opportunity to defray part of their property tax payment by volunteering. Minsky will contact the COA to investigate this last possibility.

Establishing bee hives, as was requested at a recent Conservation Commission meeting by Rebecca Matarazzi, was discussed; the question arose of the compatibility of bee husbandry with the various management plans.

Minsky also reported that the post for the interpretive sign for Whistlepath Woods was destroyed by a vehicle that was illegally driving on the Old Colony nature trail. It will be replaced, perhaps a bit further off the trail to prevent a repeat occurrence.

### Public Awareness and Usage of Open Space Properties

There was a general discussion of this issue, including the following points:

#### Signs

-2 signs needed for Foss Woods, at either approach

-2 signs for needed Old Colony, at either approach

-a possible sign just off the highway for Shank Painter (but are there regulations prohibiting it?) (it was reported that signs have been installed at B-Street Community Garden and Suzanne's Garden, but, at least at Suzanne's Garden, another interpretive sign would be in order.)

Minsky will contact Brian Carlson about the costs of these signs

#### Brochures

Perhaps our Americorps volunteer could design a brochure to make available to citizens and visitors; perhaps VSB funding could be obtained.

#### Links on town web site

Links would be through Conservation Commission, Open Space. There is a need to contact Dana Faris to update the Open Space designations of B-Street, Suzanne's, and Hawthorne property.

#### Cooperation with other boards

The committee should schedule meetings with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

committee adjourned at 3:45