

Minutes of the Open Space Committee, October 6, 2011

The meeting took place on site at the Cleveland Road location on Beach Point, from 10:00 AM until 10:45 AM

Members present: Dave Hale, Hank Janowsky, Steve Milkewicz, and Dennis Minsky (recording)

-Hale moved, and Janowsky seconded, to approve the minutes of September 29, 2011, and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0-0.

-Milkewicz moved, and Hale seconded, that the committee not pursue the purchase of the property 19-2-3 at this time. An investigation of the property and a discussion of its merits as potential open space resulted in the general opinion that it was too small and too locked in by developed properties to provide much value as wildlife habitat and its use as a public passive recreation area was minimal, relative to other areas being considered by the committee.

The motion carried, 4-0-0.

-Janowsky moved, and Minsky seconded, that the committee contact Assistant Town Manager David Gardner to pursue possible options to develop the paper road known as Cleveland Road as a public access to the beach. In discussion it was noted that this road, which abuts the above referenced property, could be developed with relatively little cost to provide one more public access to the beach. Possible amenities might include a small deck, signs, and a bike or walking path. It was mentioned that this might not properly fall within the purview of the Open Space Committee. Minsky agreed to contact Gardner.

The motion carried, 4-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Dennis Minsky, chair