

Minutes of the Provincetown Open Space Committee, February 11, 2019

The Open Space Committee met on February 11, 2019, at 9:00 AM, in the Judge Welsh Meeting Room, in Provincetown Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA 02657

Members present: Ansley Pierce, Robin Evans, Susan Avellar, Celine Gandolfo (by phone) and Dennis Minsky (recording)

Also present: Tim Famulare, Town Environmental Planner and Conservation Agent

Famulare updated the committee on the recent acquisition projects:

Both the Hall parking lot and the Dwyer property received state grants. The Dwyer property received a \$400,000 LAND grant, with assistance from the Compact of Conservation Trusts. The Hall property received a \$400,000 PARC grant, with assistance from the Barnstable County Resource Development office.

The closing dates for both properties has been extended to February 20, 2019.

The environmental site assessment of the Hall property discovered no pollution problems.

Expenses:

Survey of the Hall property by William Rogers: \$4,875

River Hawk phase 1 environmental site assessment

and subsurface investigation: \$4,500 (\$350 savings due to Town DPW backhoe operation)

Total expended: \$9, 375 (the committee had approved at our last meeting expenditures from the Pre-Acquisition Fund not to exceed \$12,000)

A title search for the Hall property was \$520; the Town has yet to secure a title search for the Dwyer property.

Motion: Evans moved, and Avellar seconded, to approve the expenditure of no more than \$1,140 for the 2 title searches, Hall and Dwyer.

The motion passed: 5-0-0

The committee will require Conservation Restrictions for both properties. The Conservation Restriction for the Dwyer property was already performed, under a contract with the Compact of Conservation Trusts.

The Compact has offered to produce a Conservation Restriction for the Hall property for a sum not to exceed \$2,000.

Motion: Avellar moved, and Pierce seconded, to approve the expenditure of not more than \$2,000 from the Pre-Acquisition Fund for a Conservation Restriction for the Hall property and a baseline report under contract with the Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts.

The motion passed: 5-0-0

Motion: Minsky moved, and Evans seconded, to approve the expenditure of not more than \$1,500 from the Pre-Acquisition Fund for a Management Plan and baseline report and grant compliance for the Dwyer property.

Discussion: Famulare noted that there was no need for a management plan for the PARC grant for the Hall property, and much discussion from multiple stakeholders will be necessary in the future. He also noted that both properties will have to have signs, as a condition of the grants. He attended workshops for both grants. He suggests a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Hall property sometime in the future.

The motion passed: 5-0-0

Famulare stated that he will prepare an article for Annual Town Meeting to increase the amount in the Pre-Acquisition Fund. There will be a particular need for funding for the upcoming renewal of the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Minsky brought up the status of "Site Y", an area just north of the Old Colony Nature Trail, and east of Howland Street. He thought that the land was town-owned but not dedicated to conservation. There was some discussion about this and a resolution to investigate.

Gandolfo left the meeting at 9:40.

Minsky brought up the Hawthorne property, which was awarded a CPC grant of over \$40,000 for design and improvement. This money has not been spent.

Motion: Minsky moved, and Pierce seconded, to direct Famulare to investigate the securing of bids for a landscape design for the Hawthorne property.

The motion passed: 4-0-0

Famulare discussed the current CPC grant application for \$32,000 for the B St. Garden infrastructure program.

He also discussed the MVP program regarding coastal resiliency, which investigates vulnerabilities and solutions to sea level rise and erosion and flooding challenges to the Town. There was discussion about how the Open Space Committee would fit into this program. There is an important all-day workshop on this matter on March 15, 2019, and members are encouraged to attend.

Motion: Avellar moved, and Minsky seconded, to approve the minutes of 12/12/18 as written.

The motion passed, 4-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:58.

Dennis Minsky

Co-chair