

Minutes of the Provincetown Open Space Committee, October 2, 2020

The Open Space Committee met in Open Session and remotely on October 2, 2020

Members present: Lucy Siegel, Ansley Pierce, Susan Avellar, Robin Evans, William Mullin, and Dennis Minsky (recording); also present was Tim Famulare, Provincetown Conservation Agent and Environmental Planner

The meeting convened at 11:05

The following business was conducted:

Siegel moved, and Avellar seconded, to approve the expenditure of no more than \$2,000.00 for ten trees and eight shrubs, and their delivery to Provincetown, a list of which was shared with committee members, from Wilkinson Ecological, said trees and shrubs to be planted at three conservation areas in Town and the funds for which will be taken from the Native Trees For Conservation Land Fund.

The motion was approved (by voice vote) 6-0-0

Minsky moved, and Avellar seconded, to approve the expenditure of no more than \$300.00 for a list of perennial grasses and flowers intended for the B St Meadow project, a list of which was shared with committee members, along with mulch material, and the funds for which will be taken from either the Native Trees For Conservation Land Fund or the Land Bank land maintenance fund.

The motion was approved (by voice vote) 6-0-0

Minsky moved, and Pierce seconded, to approve the expenditure of no more than \$2,100 for the contracting of the services of GoatGreenCapeCod, which would provide foraging goats and electric fencing to control them, as described to the committee members, for the control of poison ivy at B St Conservation Park.

Discussion: Minsky reported that Stacy Greaves, the principal of the operation, would make a site visit and members would be free to hear her assessment of the situation, but not to deliberate on the matter. Minsky also reported that Greaves thought the best chance of success would be to employ the goats in the spring. Avellar wondered about the use of jewelweed as a control and it was agreed that members would investigate that plant.

The motion was approved (by voice vote) 6-0-0

Famulare described the situation that a 3 foot easement was obtained in the 2009 purchase of the B St property with which to widen the driveway; this easement is now necessary because the abutter on the western side of the driveway installed a wall. The surveying services of William Rogers were obtained and the cost is \$600.

Avellar moved, and Minsky seconded, to approve the expenditure of \$600.00 to cover the cost of the surveying work of William Rogers, said funds to be taken from the Land Bank Maintenance Fund.

Famulare reported that the Town DPW would do the actual work.

The motion was approved (by voice vote) 4-0-2 (the abstentions are believed to be due to technical difficulties in the remote participation).

Famulare reported that the water that is used at B St is metered and charged to the Community Garden users. The fact that the meadow project and the tupelo trees planted last fall were also watered using this water should occasion a sharing of the bill in some measure. Mullin remarked that some of the watering was being done by Margaret Murphy for trees planted by the organization Trees Provincetown and that that organization should also share in the cost, whatever it would be. Minsky suggested that the committee wait until the water bill is issued so that an analysis of the overage that the meadow and tree watering caused could be more accurately determined. It was agreed to do so.

Mullin brought up the Americorps Work Day (November 2, 2020) and asked that Famulare look into the jurisdictional issues of removing a make-shift dock at Clapp's Pond (which is overseen by the State, the Seashore, and the Town). Famulare said he would look into that issue. Any other debris, he said, would be disposed of by DPW.

At 11:43 Minsky moved to adjourn and Avellar seconded.

The motion was approved (by voice vote) 4-0-2) (again, technical difficulties of remote meeting caused the abstentions, most probably).

Dennis Minsky, chair