

**PROVINCETOWN OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING
OPEN SESSION
February 10, 2021
4:00 P.M.**

Members Present:

- Susan Avellar
- Robin Evans
- Dennis Minsky
- William Mullins
- Lucy Siegel

Members Absent:

- Ansley Pierce
- Celine Gandolfo

Others Present:

- Tim Famulare, Environmental Planner and Conservation Agent for the Town of Provincetown

Chair Dennis Minsky convened the Open Space Committee's open session at 4:04 p.m., pursuant to M.G.L. c30A Sec. 21(6) and 21(7), to consider the purchase, lease, or value of real estate.

Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent Tim Famulare, as the moderator, introduced the remote participation meeting and called the roll, determining that a quorum was present. Siegel recorded minutes of the meeting,

Famulare explained why a virtual meeting was being conducted and how meeting attendees could view the meeting and participate by calling a number that is shown on the screen and then entering a conference ID number. He asked that all participants keep their phones on mute when not speaking. He explained how to unmute a phone and requested that all speakers state their names prior to speaking.

Minsky moved to adjourn the open session and convene an executive session of the Open Space Committee, pursuant to M.G.L. c30A Sec. 21(6) and 21(7), to consider the purchase, lease, or value of real estate. Evans seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the motion, 5-0-0. The open session was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

**PROVINCETOWN OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL MEETING
RECONVENED OPEN SESSION
February 10, 2021
4:46 PM**

Members Present Virtually:

- Susan Avellar
- Robin Evans
- Dennis Minsky
- William Mullins
- Lucy Siegel

Members Absent:

- Ansley Pierce
- Celine Gandolfo

Others Present:

- Tim Famulare, Environmental Planner and Conservation Agent for the Town of Provincetown

Committee Chair Minsky reconvened the committee meeting in open session at 4:46 p.m.

BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

Minsky moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2021 Open Session meeting of the Open Space Committee (OSC) as written. Evans seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0-0.

Minsky moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2019 OSC Open Session meeting as written. Avellar seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0-0.

Dog Waste

Minsky reported he had spoken to Town Director of Public Works Richard Waldo regarding the OSC's concerns about dog waste on Town recreational trails. Waldo said the Department of Public Works cannot take responsibility for the emptying of trash cans near the trails, which the OSC had discussed as a partial solution to the dog waste problem. Minsky suggested that the OSC buy dog waste bag dispensers to place at the trail heads, at a cost of \$50 each. He suggested placement of the dispensers at both entries to the Old Colony Trail at Snail Road and Howland Street for a total cost of \$150. Furthermore, he said another possibility for eliminating the dog

waste was to organize a posse of trail scouts. Finally, Minsky suggested sending a second round of letters to residents with homes near the trails, requesting that they clean up after their dogs on the trails.

Famulare noted that the worst waste problems are on the Old Colony Trail in the vicinity of Fortuna Road. He suggested putting one dispenser there and a second one at the entry to the Whistlepath Trail.

Avellar and Mullin left the meeting at 5 p.m.

Minsky concluded it was a good idea to send a second letter to residents whose homes are near the trails, and to place waste bag dispensers in one or two places where the dog waste problem is most notable.

Adjournment

Minsky moved to postpone the remainder of the agenda items to the next committee meeting, and to adjourn the open session meeting. The motion was seconded by Evans, and unanimously approved by Evans, Minsky and Siegel, 3-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.