

**PROVINCETOWN OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**OPEN SESSION**  
**March 11, 2021**  
**3:30 PM**

**Members present virtually:**

- Susan Avellar
- Robin Evans
- Dennis Minsky, Committee Chair
- William Mullin
- Lucy Siegel

**Members absent:**

- Celine Gandolfo
- Ansley Pierce

**Others present:**

- Mark Robinson, (Executive Director of The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, contracted by the committee)
- Timothy Famulare, Town Conservation Agent and Environmental Planner

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 enter 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 convened the open session of the Open Space Committee at 3:38 PM. He then 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. Mullin seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the motion, 5-0-0. The open session was adjourned at 3:39 PM.

**RECONVENED OPEN SESSION**  
**March 11, 2021,**  
**3:56 PM**

**Members Present Virtually:**

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

**Members Absent:**

- Ansley Pierce
- Celine Gandolfo

**Others Present:**

- Tim Famulare, Environmental Planner and Conservation Agent for the Town of Provincetown
- Mark Robinson, (Executive Director of The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts, contracted by the committee)

Minsky reconvened the committee in Open Session at 3:56 PM.

**BUSINESS****Grant application**

Robinson reported that he learned it would not be possible to combine two property purchases on one grant application to the state. If we wanted to apply for grants for both the Eder property and 668R Commercial Street, there would have to be two separate applications. He said in that situation the two properties would compete with each other for funding. He suggested that he apply for a grant for the purchase of the Eder property only, since because of the property's advantages it would be a more likely candidate for a grant than 668R Commercial Street. He said that Provincetown had been awarded quite a few of its grant applications, despite the size of the town. He feels that the relatively low per capita income in Provincetown helps, as well as the fact that the Cape Cod National Seashore is prominent in the town and environmental justice factors. He explained that the state likes "undevelopment" projects in which land is returned to nature.

Minsky moved that the Open Space Committee approve a contract with The Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts for no more than \$4,500 for preparing a land grant application for the Eder property. Mullin seconded the motion, which was then unanimously approved, 5-0-0.

**Open Space Plan**

Famulare reported that three contractors had bid on the project of updating the Open Space Plan for Provincetown with a new seven-year plan. The bids were from:

- Cape Cod Commission: \$12,000
- Carol Ridley: \$15,000
- Horsley Witten: \$9,500

The committee had previously voted to allocate \$12,000 for this project. Famulare reported that Horsley Witten was selected for the work.

### **Hawthorne Wildlife Sanctuary and Maushop**

Minsky said he had met with Kristin Hatch, executive director, Provincetown Housing Authority, to discuss the committee's idea for integrating trails from Hawthorne into the Town's Maushop housing development as part of Maushop's expansion. He said Hatch had been very enthusiastic about working with the OSC on this.

### **Poison Ivy Control for B Street**

Minsky noted that he had an appointment to meet with Stacey Greaves, the owner of Goat Green Cape Cod Vegetation Management, a Cape Cod company that uses goats to clear out poison ivy. He said he would report back to the committee after meeting with her.

### **Dwyer Wetlands and Jimmy's Pond**

Minsky said he had accompanied Scott Smyers to the Dwyer property wetlands and to Jimmy's Pond in Nicky's Park to discuss how Smyers could document the frog populations in each of these locations. Smyers said he would be able to leave a sound recording device to record the sound of the frogs, and from that he would be able to discern both the approximate size of the frog populations as well as what types of frogs are living in those locations. Smyers and Minsky did establish two such recording devices. He said he would be happy to attest to the value of having these amphibians. Famulare said he would discuss this with Horsley Witten. The ultimate goal is to propose to the Select Board that the area be designated a conservation area.

### **New Town Waterfront Park Planning**

Minsky reported that, as a member of the Advisory Group to the Recreation Commission, he had spent a day interviewing consulting finalists for the development of a conceptual plan for the Town's new waterside park. Famulare said that David Gardner would make the final decision on the choice of consultant, since the acting town manager had a conflict of interest.

### **Tree Planting Event**

The OSC reiterated that there would be a tree planting event, that it would be in early May, but still no date has been set for it.

### **New Town Manager OSC Tour**

Mullin suggested that the committee arrange a tour for the new town manager of all the conservation parcels the OSC has worked on. Famulare asked if it would be appropriate to include the Select Board. Mullin and Minsky noted that it would be most effective to offer this only to the new town manager. Mullin noted that visitors come to Provincetown because of its beauty, and these parcels are ecotourism assets that the town manager should be aware of.

The committee also discussed the possibility of having him be part of a nature walk with Minsky, which would demonstrate that there is public interest in learning more about the fauna and flora in these conservation areas.

### **Minutes**

Minsky moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2021 open session as written. Mullin seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously, 5-0-0.

### **Adjournment**

Minsky moved to adjourn the meeting. Mullin seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously, 5-0-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.