Open Space Committee, December 13, 2019, Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Janice Parky, Jane Petterson, Thomas Bow. Nick Norman, absent.

Ms. Parky, standing in for Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:00.

Minutes of the April 12, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

Cloverleaf 40B Application: Discussion regarding the Cloverleaf determined there was no need for OS input on that project. It was noted that any OS input into the Walsh property and the possibility for collaboration with Affordable Housing could be contingent on how successful the inhabitation of the Cloverleaf housing project is.

CPC Representative: Jane Petterson was unanimously appointed to this position.

Review of Conflict of Interest and Sexual Harassment policies: All members present have filed with Town Hall.

New Member: Committee members are looking into possibilities.

Other Business: Mr. Bow informed the Committee that the Wisnewski (sp?) property abutting Stotts Crossing is again on the market for approximately \$470,000. The Town may be interested, but not at that price. Ms. Parky will ask Mr. Norman to look into this and confirm selling price. OS members expressed their interest in the property and partnering with the Shellfish Advisory Committee as discussed previously.

Committee members also expressed the desire to have new Town Planner, Jeffrey Ribeiro attend the next meeting. Ms. Parky will contact him for availability.

Ms. Parky will also contact Paul Wisotzky to see if he is still our BOS liaison.

Next Meeting: TBA

The meeting adjourned at 1:32pm

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

Open Space Committee, February 10, 2020, Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Janice Parky, Jane Petterson, Nick Norman, Thomas Bow, absent.

Also Present: Jeffrey Ribeiro, Truro Town Planner; Susan Areson, Truro SB; potential new Board member Susan Girard-Irwin. Planning Board member Jack Reimer arrived at 3:10pm.

Mr. Norman called the meeting to order at 3:03pm

Approval or the minutes of December 13 was tabled until next meeting.

Mr. Ribeiro, Ms. Areson and Ms. Girard-Irwin were welcomed to the meeting. The source of OS funding was explained to Ms. Areson by Mr. Ribeiro. Ms. Girard-Irwin gave the Committee her background, and desire to serve the town by volunteering on various Committees.

Goals: Mr. Norman explained that the OS Committee had previously been committed to paying off its debt service for previously purchased properties. Now that the debt service is satisfied, the Committee is looking at partnering with Affordable Housing, Recreation and other Committees for future projects. Ms. Parky also mentioned the Wisnewski property at Stotts Crossing and a possible partnering with the Shellfish Commission. Mr. Norman is not sure the parcel is still on the market. Ms. Parky will contact Fred Gaechter TCT for update.

Cloverleaf Project: Mr. Norman asked Mr. Ribeiro for and update on the status of the Cloverleaf Project. Mr. Ribeiro stated that the project is still in the review stages. The property will be managed by Ted Malone's Community Housing Resource.

Walsh Property: Ms. Areson updated the Committee that applications to serve on that Committee are being filed. The Committee will constitute 15-18 people. Suggestions for use include housing, recreational facilities and conservation land, the disposition to be decided at ATM. The initial Committee selection will be by the Consensus Building Institute with final decision by SB.

Other Business: Mr. Reimer asked the Committee for an updated copy of the Open Space and Recreation Plan which Mr. Ribiero will supply. The Committee discussed the new update which is due in 2021. Mr. Ribeiro suggested waiting until the fall of 2020 to begin the process. Mr. Norman will put in budget request to the SB.

Mr. Norman informed the Committee of a 5-6 acre property that might be of interest to the Committee on Holsbery Road.

Mr. Norman also suggested the Committee meet during the summer months to keep up momentum. Committee agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:04pm

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

Open Space Committee, October 22, 2021, Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Jane Petterson, Nick Norman, Thomas Bow, Susan Girard-Irwin, Janice Parky

Also Present: Susan Areson, Truro SB, Barbara Carboni, Town Planner

Mr. Norman called the meeting to order at 12:32

Minutes of October 1, 2021 were approved unanimously.

Review of Open Space and Recreation Plan Update-Ms. Carboni reported that the current plan (2005) expired October of 2021 which makes us ineligible for grant funding for the current update. The Committee needs to determine if LCP funds are available. Ms. Carboni will research who other Town Planners are using to update their plans. Mr. Bow questioned where Recreation fits into the update planning. Ms. Petterson suggested a meeting be scheduled with Damian Clements; Sue Areson will alert Town Manager, Darrin Tangeman and Mr. Clements regarding the helpfulness to the Committee of meeting with the Selectmen and Recreation. Mr. Bow has spoken to Fred Gaechter, Chairman of the Truro Conservation Trust who is willing to assist OS on defining goals for the Plan. Ms. Carboni will look into an extension for the expiring Plan and look into budget funding. The Committees goal is to have update completed in one year. Ms. Petterson will reach out to Mr. Clements to schedule a meeting.

Review of Goals and Objectives; Open Space Goals and potential Recreation Goals: Committee is not ready to implement, Ms. Girard-Irwin stated that OS needs input from Recreation to proceed. Mr. Bow will email a copy of OS Goals as stated in the LCP update to Committee members.

Other Business: Possible uses for the Walsh Property were discussed; tennis courts, walking trails, etc. Ms. Areson reported that the WPCPC is planning to take a rough idea of uses for the property to 2022 ATM.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2021, 12:30

Meeting adjourned at 1:13

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

Open Space Committee, October 1, 2021, Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Jane Petterson, Nick Norman, Thomas Bow, Susan Girard-Irwin

Also Present: Susan Areson, Truro SB

Mr. Norman called the meeting to order at 12:35 (?)

Minutes of December 13, 2019 and February 10, 2020 were approved unanimously by members attending.

Member Janice Parky "arrived" at 12:50.

Review of Town's Goal to Consolidate the Open Space and Recreation Committees: Committee members discussed, with input from Select Board representative, Susan Areson. The committee as is open to the idea of adding Recreation to the Committee's charge but wants to look at, as a board, what that would entail. Mr. Norman raised the question of whether the Committee had the time to do so and do a good job. Susan Girard-Irwin offered to compile Member's concerns for review by the Committee. The Committee will meet with the Select Board and Recreation Director Damian Clements to discuss.

Current Board Make Up and Chair Status: Mr. Norman expressed his desire to "retire" as Chair and asked for a volunteer to assume the position. After discussion, Mr. Norman and Ms. Girard-Irwin agreed to co-chair the Committee.

Other Business: Mr. Bow mentioned our previous interest in the Wisnieski property (Stott's Crossing). Mr. Norman feels the property has value to the town for aquaculture. Mr. Bow stated that the TCT had contacted the owner who is not willing to budge on the price. The property is currently not on the market.

Next Meeting: October 22, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 1:22

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

Julia Pout