

Open Space Committee, November 17, 2017, 1pm, Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Nick Norman, Janice Parky, Jane Petterson, Tony Hodgin

Also Present: Paul Wistozky, BOS liaison and Michael Fee, new member candidate, who introduced himself and his qualifications for the Committee.

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:06pm.

Minutes of the April 7, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously

Review of Stewardship/Monitoring Report for Town Owned Property: Discussion by Ms. Parky of possible encroachment on 2 parcels, 40-71 North Union Field and 50-46 Mill Pond Road, and what if anything would the committee do. No resolution was reached. Discussion was had regarding the criteria for Affordable Housing and possible Town owned lots.

Mr. Norman brought up the subject of properties being purchased for Open Space and the Committee not being notified or consulted, as in the Twinefield Property and Great Hollow Beach. Mr. Wisotzky stated that the CPC which allocated money for a portion of this purchase acts autonomously. He asserted that since the property will not be owned by the Town, but by the TCT, there would be no stewardship involved so OS did not need to be included in discussion. In the case of Great Hollow Beach, the TCT would donate the property to the Town, giving OS a stewardship role, however, OS did not support the purchase of this parcel. Mr. Norman was concerned that OS has not come to the Town for CPC for funding due to our debt service (Poor's Hill) yet others are asking for OS funding without the Committees input. It was agreed that protocol needs to be put in place. Mr. Norman will contact Deborah McCutcheon, CPC chair and attend the next CPC meeting on December 1, 2017.

Goals for the Coming Year: Mr. Wisotzky offered that the debt service for Poor's Hill will end in 2020 and now is the time to begin coordinating with the Affordable Housing Committee to work towards identifying and purchasing land for that purpose. The Committee agreed that this was a worthy goal. Nick will consult with Rae Ann Palmer, Town Manager and Carl Brotman of the AH Committee.

Next Meeting: Friday, December 8, 2017 at 1:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 1:58pm

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

