

Open Space Committee, December 22, 2017, 1pm, Truro Public Library

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

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Minutes of the December 8, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously with the deletion of the word "merits" and the addition of "pros and cons" in the last sentence, and corrected spelling of Mr. Hodgins name.

Proposed Great Hollow Beach project before CPC: Request for \$200,000 of CPC funds. Ms. Parky reported on a conversation with Fred Gaechter, Chairman of the Truro Conservation Trust (TCT) and his feelings that lack of support from OS would "sink" the project at ATM. It was his understanding that OS did not support the project because they wanted the money used for Affordable Housing. Ms. Parky informed him that the Committee had agreed not to come to the Town for OS funding until the debt service for Poor's Hill, and the Morea and Meldahl properties had been paid off. Final payment on all 3 will be in 2020.

Mr. Norman questioned whether the project was aligned with OS Goals.

Ms. Petterson-The beach is used 2 months of the year, and is underutilized.

Mr. Norman-The neighbors view protection should not be considered, do we think increasing the size of an existing beach goes with our plan? Do we want to increase our debt and not be able to work with Affordable Housing as previously discussed? TCT should have consulted with OS before moving ahead with the project.

Mr. Hodgins-There are clear reasons not to take on more debt and increase our debt service.

Ms. Parky-It was understood after the purchase of Poor's Hill that OS would not come to the Town for funding for future purchases until our debt service was paid off.

Ms. Petterson-If people are spending OS money, we should be consulted. The Committee agreed that proper protocol had not been outlined or followed for this project.

Vote: Does OS support the Towns purchase plan as outlined with the CPC for expansion of Great Hollow Beach? 3 opposed, (Norman, Petterson, Parky). 1 for (Hodgin).

Next Meeting: Friday, February 2 at 1:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 1:54pm

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

