

## Open Space Committee, January 4, 2019, Truro Town Hall

**Members Present:** Nick Norman, Janice Parky, Jane Petterson, Mike Fee

**Also Present:** Dan Smith, Shellfish Advisory Committee Vice Chairman

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:10pm.

Minutes of the November 2, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously

The meeting began with a brief discussion of information received confirming committee members cannot attend a meeting via phone conference and the possible impact on potential new members.

### **Shellfish Advisory Committee/Beach Point:**

Mr. Smith informed the Committee that East Harbor, a once stagnant body of water, has become a habitat for butter clams, oysters and quahogs. The SAC is working with the Division of Marine Fisheries and the Center for Coastal Studies to continue to improve the water quality in the East Harbor. The current culvert from EH into Cape Cod Bay is in need of repair; work to commence in the near future. They are working to establish a baseline of water quality before the culvert is adjusted; currently have one year of data.

There is a 15 acre parcel of land abutting the culvert that Mr. Smith and his Committee feel would be beneficial to the holders of shellfish grants out in the bay (25 acre Aquaculture Development Area) if Town owned. The land immediately adjacent to the culvert could house "upwellers" that would be used by the shell fishermen to grow their "spat" in a controlled environment, safe from predators. This would offer them a huge advantage and would contribute to the success of the Aquaculture Industry in Truro.

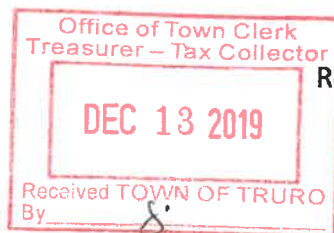
The Committee unanimously agreed that this was a worthy effort to pursue, with possibilities for Affordable Housing if any portion of the land is deemed buildable, passive recreational walking trails and economic development. Ms. Pederson stated that the deadline to apply for CPC funding for 2020 is 11/01/2019. She will also contact the Selectmen for feedback and the possibility of Town funding as well. Site visit was scheduled, inviting Paul Wisotzky (Selectman and Committee Liaison), and Emily Beebe, Health Agent to attend. Mr. Norman will look into the prospect of any buildability for housing on the site; Mr. Fee will approach seller directly to see if willing to sell and the cost.

### **GOALS:**

Mr. Norman would like the Committee to continue pursuing projects in concert with Affordable Housing and possibly Recreation. AF is focused on the "Cloverleaf" project in N. Truro; and Mr. Norman will keep his ears open regarding the Walsh property.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, November February 8, 2019 at 12:00pm. Site visit on Shore Road; reconvene at Town Hall afterwards

The meeting adjourned at 2:55pm



*Janice Parky*  
Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky