

Open Space Committee, November 2, 2018, Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Nick Norman, Janice Parky, Jane Petterson. Member Mike Fee absent, via remote.

Also Present: Paul Wisotzky, Chairman of the BOS.

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.

Minutes of the March 16, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Proposed Great Hollow Beach Project:

Short discussion regarding the lack of movement on this issue due to numerous developments.

Future Open Space Goals:

Mr. Norman initiated discussion on the future of the OS Committee and where do we see ourselves going next? Mr. Witsotzky offered that 2019 is the last year of debt service which will free up CPC money for Open Space acquisitions. The Select Board has been approached regarding a parcel near Stotts Crossing that has a potential for Open Space and Aquaculture; potential for aquaculture equipment storage and "upwells" to nourish and raise seed/spat. Conversations with the Shellfish Advisory Commission present this as economic development for the Town. The parcel is mainly wetland and is located near the East Harbor culvert. Purchasing the parcel would give the Town beneficial ownership of the culvert. The parcel abuts land owned by the TCT and consists of beachfront and upland. Mr. Wisotzky added that Scott Lindell, chair of the Commission has informed the BOS that the failure of the culvert is increasing the wetland area, which makes the property less developable. The project was seen as a good collaborative effort between the Committee and Commission.

Ms. Petterson stated that CPC applications for 2020 were due on November 1, 2018, so funding would take place in 2021.

Next steps-Mr. Wisotzky will contact Town Administrator Rae Ann Palmer and report back to the Committee.

Other Business

Open Space and Recreation Plan:

Mr. Norman stated that the current Plan is due to be updated in 2019. Mr. Wistozky questioned if this update could be folded into the Comprehensive Plan update. Agenda item for next meeting.

Highland Center and CCNS:

Mr. Fee, Board member of the Payomet Performing Arts Center, reported that Brian Carlstrom, the new Superintendent of the CCNS seems interested in developing a new approach/strategy for the Highland Center. Payomet received a grant from the Mass Cultural Council and is willing to talk with the Seashore, re: a master plan for development of the parcel. This could be a potential opportunity for OS and Affordable Housing to collaborate on the site. Mr. Fee is meeting with Mr. Carlstrom on November 6, 2018 and will report back to the Committee. Mr. Wisotzky added that Jay Ash, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development sees a potential for Town usage, the hurdle being working with CCNS and the Federal Government. Ms. Petterson added that CPC funding is difficult to acquire for property not owned by the Town, however funding was allocated for the Highland House, which is owned by CCNS, under Historic Preservation.

New Business

The Committee is in need of a new member. Nick to check with Tom Bow (SP) who is interested but a summer resident, during which time the Committee does not meet. The Committee feels that a member of the TCT would be an asset to the OS Committee. Mr. Wisotzky said the BOS is going to revisit the remote committee attendance policy.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 30, 2018, at 2:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 2:40pm



Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

