

## **Open Space Committee**

**October 27, 2020, 4:00 pm -- Zoom Meeting**

**Present** (Each from home via Zoom): Bruce Hurter, Tom Slack, Peggy Sagan, Fred Streams, John Cumbler, Lynn Southey. *Guests:* Denny O'Connell, WCT

### **Call to order 4:02 pm**

Agenda approved. Minutes of 9/22/20 meeting approved.

Chair Report, B. Hurter: We have an opportunity to pursue funding for land acquisition/conservation under the Federal Great American Outdoors Act for Land and Water Conservation. The grants will be administered by the State. Massachusetts has \$11 million to award this year, with funding going forward. Awards are contingent on an active 5-Year Open Space and Recreation Plan. Wellfleet's most recent plan received "provisional" approval from the State in 2017. Because the concerns were not remedied in time, a new plan has to be submitted for approval. A subcommittee (B. Hurter, F. Streams, L. Southey, and anyone else who is interested) will meet to review the existing plan and determine next steps for bringing it up to date.

Bruce thanked Tom Slack for his many years of service as OSC secretary and announced that Peggy Sagan will be taking on that role.

### **Standing Assignments**

Property management, F. Streams: Fred has taken out several books from Doug's office so that he can document annual inspections due to be done again. These are best done after leaves are down (in 4-6 weeks).

Trail Guides, L. Southey: Several of the trail guides are in short supply. However, there is no urgent need to reprint them due to limited distribution opportunities. It was agreed that before reprints are scheduled, all the maps should be reviewed and updated. D. O'Connell offered the assistance of WCT's AmeriCorp volunteer who has extensive mapping experience. The priority will be updating those maps with low inventories.

### **Liaison Reports**

WCT, D. O'Connell: WCT has closed on the first of two lots on Bond St. (off Old Wharf Rd.) and a 1-acre lot in North Wellfleet (Meadow View Rd.)

Trails are being mapped in the Herring River Overlook property. Once the trails are finalized, WCT will organize work groups to clear them.

Friends of Herring River, L. Southey: Permitting process continues. Ongoing discussions with CCNS for a land transfer. The project was recently awarded \$500,000 by the Baker-Polito Administration

Housing Partnership, J. Cumbler: Nothing to report.

CPC, B. Hurter: CPC had met to consider grants for following year.

NRAB, T. Slack: Harbor Management Plan should be completed soon. Meeting next week.

### **Old Business**

Map 30 - 14 (Kincaid St.) - See previous minutes. No response to OSC offers to assist with the request for MESA determination (delays due to Covid 19).

Map 41 – 178.1 (Agger Property) - Bruce reported that after the OSC visit to the Agger Property earlier in the month he learned that the Rights of Public Access Committee will be reviewing several properties on Lt. Island, including the Agger Property. He proposed that we postpone any decisions on that property until they make an assessment.

### **Properties for Consideration**

Looking toward 2021 TM, the committee has recommended on a 5-0 voice vote to protect 3 properties under Cons Com: Map 30 -186 and 188 (Blackfish Creek), and Map 42 -137 (abutting Bayberry Hill Conservation Area).

Ongoing discussion about town-owned properties at Indian Neck (Map 28 - 80, 82, 239) and Sewell's Gutter (Map 28 - 234 & 235).

- Bruce contacted Suzanne Thomas, Beach Administrator, to determine whether the town has any plans for these beaches. There are no active plans.
- The committee is interested in protecting the three properties at Indian Neck because of their conservation value.
- Bruce will meet with Hillary Greenberg-Lemos about transfer of town lands at Indian Neck and Sewell's Gutter to Cons Com.

### *Continuing possibilities to consider:*

- Town-owned properties Map 36 – 288, 289 (off Western Ave.) and Map 29 - 400 & 505 (Paine Hollow Rd.) for transfer to Cons Com.
- Keep Map 30 - 178 (Lecount Hollow Rd.) on our radar, pending possible long-term plans to restore the wetlands.
- New properties for sale: L. Southey noted that the Pyle property on Bayberry Lane is on the market again (\$779K).

**Meeting adjourned 5:05 pm**

*Respectfully submitted,*

Peggy Sagan, Secretary, OSC