

Open Space Committee Sept 22 , 2020 Zoom Meeting 4pm

Present (Each from home via Zoom) Bruce Hurter, Tom Slack , Peggy Sagan, Fred Streams, John Cumbler, Bob Jackson
Guests: Denny O'Connell, WCT; Nancy Civetta, Shellfish Warden

Call to order 4:09 pm

Agenda approved. Minutes of 8/18/ 20 meeting approved.

Chair; B. Hurter: Town Meeting : Article for Conscom protection of Mayo Beach properties (20- #11,12,16) withdrawn from Warrant after Conscom revisited their previous positive vote; concern regarding groins on the properties and possible conflict of interest issue should the committee have to rule on replacement of groins, revetments, seawalls, etc. in future. Article for Cons Com protection of 35: # 201,209, 210 passed unanimously.

Standing Assignments

Property management. F. Streams: Books need catching up; to be coordinated with Doug in Hilary's office. Properties due for inspection again - best to be done after leaves are down.

Liaison Reports

WCT: Chequessett Neck YC property finalized. WCT will explore possible trails, viewing sites. 2 lots on Old Wharf Point have been agreed upon. Exploring 2 lots on Bond Lane adjacent to WCT property.
CPC: Will meet soon to consider grants for following year.

Old Business

Lot 30-14 - See previous minutes. State contacted re MESA consultation but delays due to Covid-19. OSC willing to help.
In a general discussion regarding property protection under Cons Com Nancy Civetta expressed concern that access to shell fisherman not be limited. Denny O'Connell reminded us that the end of Old Wharf Road is WCT property with free access to fisherman and recreation.

Properties for Consideration

From last month's minutes:

Looking toward 2021 TM a single Article was proposed and recommended on a 5-0 voice vote to protect 3 properties under Cons Com: Map 30 lots 186 and 188, and Map 42 lot 137.

Other possibilities: Map 29-400 & 505, 36-288 & 289.

Indian Neck properties Map 28- 80, 82, 239

Map 28 - 234 & 235. Sewell's Gutter - Issues with shell fisherman access, Kayak storage. To be discussed with Suzanne Thomas, Beach admin. (Is this becoming a Town beach?) and with Health and Conservation agent Hillary Greenberg-Lemos.

9/22/20: further discussion of above. Members of OSC will meet as a group at the Agger property to review mapped out boundaries and discuss again options including an easement, and pros and cons of proceeding with a course that would insure continued access to the beach through this route.

Several members have visited the Indian neck properties. Those who haven't will visit individually.

Will seek input from Hillary Lemos and Suzanne Thomas regarding Sewel's Gutter properties, and the Indian Neck properties.

Meeting adjourned 5:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Slack, Secretary, OSC