

**Open Space Committee**  
**May 17, 2022, 4:30 PM -- Zoom Meeting**

**Present** (Each from home via Zoom): John Grieb, Bruce Hurter, Peggy Sagan, Fred Streams

**Meeting called to order 4:30 pm**

Agenda approved unanimously

Minutes of 2/22/22 and 4/6/22 were approved unanimously.

Chair Report, B. Hurter: Bruce encouraged committee members to attend World Fish Migration Day at Gull Pond, a celebration sponsored by Friends of the Herring River, on Saturday, May 21. He asked for someone to represent OSC at the WCT meeting at the Library on Monday, May 23. J. Grieb volunteered.

Vice-Chair Report, T. Slack: Tom not present.

**Standing Assignments**

Property management, F. Streams: Fred reported that cleanup of town property (by Meredith and Audrey) continues. He noticed that the TV was moved from along High Toss Road, but it has been replaced (unfortunately) by a tire and mount.

Trail Guides, B. Hurter: Bruce reported for Lynn that she and Denny will choose a new color for the Trail Guide sleeve (folder) when she returns from her trip. Meanwhile, he said that Denny is exploring other printers who can handle the job.

Community Outreach, P. Sagan: Peggy and B. Jackson met via GoogleMeet with the grades 3, 4, and 5 teachers to plan this year's in-class lessons and discuss the possibility of field trips. All teachers are interested in scheduling field trips, with Grade 3 going to Hamblen Island and Grades 4 and 5 going to Pilgrim Springs. Peggy has been in touch with Denny to bring him up to date and ask WCT to participate in the planning and delivery of lessons and walks. Bob is available for in-class lessons, but he will not participate in the field trips this year. Schedules will be tight, given how late it is in the school year, and Peggy said that other committee members may be asked to pitch in.

**Liaison Reports**

WCT, B. Hurter: Bruce reported that WCT has received a grant from the state to purchase property along the Herring River; a P&S could be signed as early as June. Also, WCT is developing Trail Use Guidelines for groups wishing to hold private walks or events on WCT properties.

Friends of Herring River, B. Hurter: In Lynn's absence, Bruce reported that the Herring River Salt Marsh Restoration Project has been awarded up to \$29 million in funding from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – long-awaited news.

Housing Partnership, J. Grieb:

- John reported that Mass Housing Partnership is awarding Ryan Curly one of 20 "Housing Hero Awards." The award notes that Wellfleet has built a robust team that has established goals and raised funds in support of affordable housing.
- The HPC has endorsed 4 town articles submitted by the Affordable Housing Trust.

- Bruce, Fred, and John met with the Community Development Partnership (CDP), one of the two vendors working on the development of 95 Lawrence St, and said that the project as described did not raise any OSC concerns. The CDP asked us to voice our support by attending the upcoming meeting and/or writing letters of support when the project comes before the ZBA.

The Housing Partnership Committee continues their discussion about the purchase of Maurice's Campground. John visited the property and thinks OSC should propose that a buffer zone be created along the bike trail and Marconi to preserve the scenic quality of the bike trail and provide privacy for the residents. Bruce will draft a letter from OSC to the Select Board indicating our interest in being involved in the discussions.

CPC, F. Streams: Fred said that his presentation to the Select Board, representing the OSC "needs list," has not been scheduled yet. As discussed at the April meeting, Fred will focus his presentation on the need to protect open space abutting salt marshes to help protect the town from rising sea levels associated with climate change.

NRAB, T. Slack: Tom not present.

### **Old Business**

5-Year Plan: P. Sagan reported that the subcommittee is meeting on Thursday to discuss the survey, which has been input into Survey Monkey. The subcommittee hopes to finalize it so that we can promote the survey (i.e., distribute a handout containing a link to the survey) at the Town Meeting on June 11.

Titles on Properties – no action.

Review of Access Issues – No discussion.

### **Properties for Consideration**

B. Hurter announced that he is meeting with ConsCom this week to discuss our proposed transfer of properties (Map 30 – 186 and Map 42 – 137) into their care and custody.

### **New Business**

Wellfleet Hazard Mitigation Plan, B. Hurter: Bruce distributed a copy of the town Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan to the committee for review. He raised the concern that the deadline for comments (May 25) is prior to our next meeting, so we will not have the opportunity to discuss it as a group. He will contact Martha Hevenor at the Cape Cod Commission to find out if there is any possibility of extending the deadline.

Bruce noted that the Open Space and Recreation Plan will need to reference the Hazard Mitigation Plan and incorporate applicable recommendations and actions.

**Next Meeting** – Tuesday, June 21

**Meeting adjourned 5:00 pm**

*Respectfully submitted,*

Peggy Sagan, Secretary, OSC