

Open Space Committee

September 20, 2022 at 4:30

Zoom Meeting

Present: Hurter, Streams; MacDonald, Southey, Slack. Absent: Grieb, Sagan.

Guest D OConnell

Meeting called to order 5:34

Agenda approved unanimously

Minutes from August meeting approved unanimously

Chair report

Reminder that today is voting day

Last ZBA meeting for 95 Lawrence Rd is this Thursday

Reviewed Town Meeting including purchase of Maurice's and likely area of Open Space wetlands there.

Standing assignments

Property Management - Streams and Hurter will meet with Meredith Ballinger re upcoming inspections and status of property booklets.

Trail Guides – Southey states no change.

Community Outreach - Sagan was not present

Liaison reports

WCT- Hurter reminded Committee of upcoming Coast Sweep on October 10th at 9AM at Mayo Beach. OConnell reviewed very successful WCT annual walk.

Friends of Herring River- Southey invites us to the FHR annual meeting on the 21st

where Andrew Gottlieb of APCC will be discussing water quality trends on the Cape.

The project has been fully permitted and bids will be open by the end of the month for construction. On the 20th the first event for Celebrate Climate week was held at the Dyke where the Commissioner of Department of Fish and Game celebrated the \$20 million + grant from the DER. Sarah Peake and Julian Cyr were present. Elizabeth Warren had also visited earlier

Housing Partnership - Grieb not present

CPC - Streams reports \$119,543 in OSC CPC allotted funding

NRAB - Slack reports John Riehl has moved but for some time will remain active in issues. NRAB Articles were postponed because of uncertified Free Cash.

Old business

The 5 Year Plan Subcommittee has been on hiatus. Meetings will restart on a regular basis.

No recent action on Cons Com Conservation deeds.

No changes in access issues.

Properties for consideration

Site visits were set up to visit Map 29 – 400 and 505, Map 36- 288 and 289 for review of possible Cons Com transfer, also to assess 4 properties donated to the Town for

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Conservation, 42- 125, 126, 127, and 132. These have not yet been reviewed by Cons Com, and 125 has a structure which should be removed.

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