**Open Space Committee Aug 18, 2020 Zoom Meeting 4pm**

**Present** (Each from home via Zoom) Bruce Hurter, Tom Slack, Peggy Sagan, Fred Streams, John Cumbler

Guests: Denny O’Connell, WCT; John Riehl, Chair NRAB

Call to order 4:05 pm

Agenda approved. Minutes of 7/21/2020 meeting approved.

Chairman Bruce Hurter: Select board after discussion with Bruce and Denny has taken the Article regarding sale of Map 30-14 off the Warrant for next TM. Further details of OSC concerns prompting our 7-0 vote against the article included in the 7/21/20 OSC minutes

**Standing Assignments**

Property management. List of Town owned properties not under Cons Com protection…ongoing review for possible Cons Com protection.

**Liaison Reports**

WCT: Denny O’Connell congratulated by OSC for recent acquisition by WCT of an 18.5 acre parcel of land formerly part of Chequessett Neck YC. The property will be referred to as “ Herring River overlook”. An adjacent 1.5 acres will become accessible via conservation restriction.

NRAB: John Riehl reported new Town committee is being created to specifically deal with coastal access. Jim Falcone and John Riehl, both NRAB members, will be part of this group which will pursue further work that NRAB has done on pond and beach access.

**Old Business**

Agger property. Further discussion with Bruce, John Riehl and Audubon regarding access to Blackfish Creek from northeast Lt. Island including use of Aggers land. Audubon will issue a letter of understanding that shell fisherman will be guaranteed access to the beach through Audubon property if necessary. The question of whether or not a TM Article in 1963 gives the Town ownership of a road accessing this area was raised again. Documentation as to whether or not the Town ever recorded a deed or easement will be pursued. This has been discussed in past meetings.

Properties for consideration;

Looking toward 2021 TM a single Article was proposed and recommended on a 5-0 voice vote to protect 3 properties under Conscom: Map30 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.

For future meetings: How do we rate properties? WCT formula? Other options including a simpler list by John Portnoy?

Meeting Adjourned 4:49 pm. Next Meeting TBA

Respectfully submitted

Tom Slack, Secretary. OSC