

Open Space Committee, October 8, 2019 Wellfleet Town Hall 4pm

Present: Bruce Hurter, Bob Jackson, Peggy Sagan, Fred Streams, Lynn Southey

Guests: Denny O'Connell, WCT, John Riehl, NRAB

Call to order 4:00 pm

Agenda: Approved with addition re updating of the FHR letter of support.

Minutes of 9/17/19 approved.

Reports:

Chair - Bruce Hurter. Bruce went to ConsCom concerning the properties on Maps 35-1 and 20. ConsCom supports. See Properties for Consideration for more.

Standing Assignments

Property Management – Fred Streams/Bruce Hurter. Denny has met with the new Americorps person, Celia about the Notebooks. They will update the WCT notebooks and then Celia will help with ours. Fred has started to go through them. A complete listing of OSC properties is needed. Fred and Bruce will pull this together.

Wellfleet Elementary - Bob Jackson. Bob has not been in touch with the teachers yet. Denny will assist with this project.

Trail guides - Lynn Southey/Bob Jackson. Nothing new.

Liaison Reports

WCT – Bruce Hurter. The state wide Coast Sweep is on Monday, 10/14 at 9:00 am. Meeting at Mayo Beach. WCT and OSC are the sponsors.

FHR – Lynn Southey. Development of Regional Impact application should be filed with Cape Cod Commission in late October with a public hearing likely in November. They will want supporters to attend and be willing to speak if necessary. FHR hopes to submit additional permit applications by the end of the year. The H R Executive Council and H R Stakeholders Group (the latter on shellfish) should be meeting this fall but dates have not been finalized.

OSC voted unanimously to update the OSC letter of support for the Herring River restoration. Bruce will send this out.

Housing Partnership - John Cumbler not present.

NRAB – Tom Slack. Tom not present but John Riehl brought up the Harbor Management plan and the list of properties that are a priority for Conscom: needs to be updated with regard to sea level rise and any new ways for the public to access the water.

Old Business

OSC 5 year Plan: No new information.

Properties for Consideration

Current recommendations for 2020 Town Meeting:

Map 35-1 Lot 210, 209, 201: 210 is a large area of marshland on Black-fish Creek, a small portion of which has been separated out and sold to homeowners on Pleasant Point Rd. for retaining wall repair (see previous minutes). Access path is lot 201. ConsCom unanimously supports. Path has migrated. John Portnoy suggests a survey. Nancy Vail will separate a small portion of 210 which abuts the retaining wall. May become Lot 210.1. Lot 209 all lowlands. OSC voted unanimously to move forward with these properties. 135 is maintained as a Park by neighbors. We have not had discussions and will not move forward this year.

Map 20, Lots 11,12, 16: A vulnerable area. ConsCom unanimously supports protecting these lots. Jetties grandfathered. Lot 31 dropped since the DPW is working there to protect the road. Question for ConsCom: what if residents wanted to raise the road?

OSC voted for further research on these and to vote at the next meeting.

New Business

Map 41 Lot 121 on Bayberry Hill Rd: OSC members visited the site with Denny. To be a joint venture for WCT and Open Space: WCT would buy the land up front; the town would qualify for a state grant, similar to Pinto property. Ultimately the lot would be paid for by WCT and the State and of no cost to the town. The town will own a Conservation Restriction. WCT is working to reach an agreement.

Adjourned: 5:20 pm

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Southey