

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN – OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – OPEN SESSION
MONDAY – JUNE 13, 2016 – 8:30 AM
JUDGE WELSH ROOM - 260 COMMERCIAL STREET**

Chairman Dennis Minsky convened the open meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Dennis Minsky, Dave Hale, Loretta Dougherty, Celine Gandolfo and Rebecca Matarazzi

Recorder: Rebecca Matarazzi

The Committee moved to go into Executive Session at approximately 8:31 a.m.

Motion: Move that the Open Space Committee vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to MGL c30A Section 21 (a) Clause 3 for the purpose of:

Clause 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (chair declared) (Open Space Goals and Strategies)

and to reconvene in open session thereafter.

Motion: Dennis Minsky

Seconded: Rebecca Matarazzi

(Roll Call Vote)

Dennis Minsky: Yes

Dave Hale: Yes

Celine Gandolfo: Yes

Rebecca Matarazzi: Yes

Loretta Dougherty: Yes

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Motion passed

The Open Space Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 8:34 a.m.

The Open Space Committee voted to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene in Open Session at approximately 8:55 a.m.

Motion: Dennis Minsky

Seconded: Rebecca Matarazzi

(Roll Call Vote)

Dennis Minsky: Yes

Dave Hale: Yes

Celine Gandolfo: Yes

Rebecca Matarazzi: Yes

Loretta Dougherty: Yes

Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Motion passed

The Open Space Committee went into Open Session at approximately 8:55 a.m.

To the newer members, Dennis presented and discussed the use of a template in crafting the goals and criteria for land acquisition. General discussion ensued on potential land parcels. Celine discussed Maple Swamp and the greenway under the stewardship of the Conservation Trust. She also stressed the value and use of maps when discussing potential sites so that the group can better discern value to the town. Dennis went on to say that when navigating the Town of Provincetown website, one goes to "Services", "Maps", "Maps Online" in order to see all of the wetlands and properties with interest. For the next meeting, Dennis asked the group to individually come up with at least one potential property for acquisition or conservation restriction. Some of the criteria to take into consideration would be: Endangered land/developable land, habitat value, size, accessibility to the public with a balance between East and West ends of town and contiguity with existing open space properties.

Dennis continued with the need to discuss 2 options as they related to The Shank Painter Pond Sanctuary and The B Street Garden. First, a contract for "vision" and second, a management contract to ensure that what was initially proposed on each site, is being carried out. Deb explained that there may be good value in a firm like

Wilkinson Ecological Design which both designs such plans and has a management team to carry them out. Discussion continued on the need for the paths to be clear of weeds for both safety and attracting interest, so that more people can become involved using these beautiful sites which ultimately promotes more about what Provincetown's open spaces have to offer the public. Loretta suggested that the Town's Beautification Committee might get involved somehow to assist in management. Dennis concluded the discussion that he would check with Doug Johnstone to check on any legal ramifications on hiring practices to hire someone to weed and water some of the sites that have become overgrown sooner than later

A lively discussion followed, with Deb discussed engaging middle school students, members of the public, artists groups, Center for Coastal Studies, among others, to join in using our properties, again in an effort to make the properties more inclusive to the general public. Deb brought up EBIRD, run by Cornell University which documents bird observations made by the public, for the public. She said we could post to what is already being discussed online to create a buzz among both students and nature enthusiasts, creating more public awareness which would ultimately stimulate the management and use of the sites. Celine continued in discussions she has with the neighbors of properties within the Conservation Trust to document nature observations they have had, to better engage the public. Deb mentioned KaBOOM, a non-profit organization bringing playgrounds to places that don't have them, as a means to building more playful open spaces for all to enjoy. The group concluded that the discussions are *endless* in the areas to better engage the community at large, and to the importance of both attaining, maintaining and enjoying the open spaces that Provincetown has to offer to everyone.

The agenda was set for next Monday's meeting: an executive session to discuss land management for the B. Street Garden and Shank Painter Pond Sanctuary. Also to be discussed is land acquisition.

Minutes were discussed for following dates :

5/16/16 with Dennis moving to approve and Rebecca seconded; motion carried 3-0-0.

10/15/16 with Dennis moving to approve, Rebecca seconded; motion carried 3-0-0.

11/15/13 with Dennis moving to approve, Celine seconded; motion carried 3-0-0.

5/20/14 with Dennis moving to approve, Rebecca seconded; motion carried 3-0-0.

7/14/14 with Dennis moving to approve, Rebecca seconded; motion carried 3-0-0.

7/31/14 with Dennis moving to approve, Celine seconded; motion carried 3-0-0.

9/16/14 with Dennis moving to approve, Rebecca seconded; motion carried 3-0-0.

The open meeting was adjourned at 10:15 by unanimous consent.

Minutes compiled by Dennis Minsky