

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN, OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Minutes for June 7, 2002

The Meeting of June 7, 2002 was called to order in the Caucus Room of Provincetown Town Hall, at 10:15 A.M. by Celine Gandolpho, Co-Chair. Also present were Robin Evans, Hatty Walker Fitts and Steve Milkewitz.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by Robin Evans, seconded by Celine Gandolfo, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2002 meeting. All present voted Aye.

Shank Painter Pond Management and a Liaison with DPW:

There was a discussion about asking John Bennett, the Chair of the Conservation Commission, to act as a liaison between the Open Space Committee and the Department of Public Works regarding the Shank Painter Pond area. There are several problems that need resolution quickly, and the Open Space Committee has not been able to get the timely cooperation from the DPW that was promised. The problems to be addressed are:

1. Stabilizing the banks at the entrance to the Shank Painter Pond area;
 - a) Contact Sandy Turner at DPW to see what would be the earliest date the town could get the erosion control work done;
 - b) Need to use a monitor when job is done so as to not create more problems with any heavy equipment that would be used.
2. A chain or gate across the fire access on Ship's Way (cars are driving in and getting stuck, chewing up the grounds);

The Committee members drafted a letter to John Bennett as the Chairman of the Conservation Commission. A motion was made by Hatty Walker Fitts, seconded by Robin Evans, to approve the letter as drafted. All voted Aye.

Potential Goals:

There was a discussion to establish a list of goals for the upcoming year. The highlight of the list was to continue looking for lands to be purchased for open space. Celine Gandolpho volunteered to compile the list and e-mail it to the committee members for further in-put.

Letter to Selectmen:

It was agreed that a letter would be written to the Selectmen by Celine Gandolfo indicating the Committee's interest in meeting with them in the near future to review with them our projects and what we see as the priorities in getting work accomplished.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th. The agenda will include (a) approval of minutes; (b) election of officers; (c) discussion of the Shank Painter Management Plan; and (e) other business.

Adjourned:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hatty Walker Fitts, Acting Secretary