

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 1, 2002

Meeting called to order at 9:45AM

Members present: Celine Gandolfo, Robin Evans, Miriam Collinson

Excused absences: Hatty Fitts, Steve Milkewitz

Public Comments:

Peter Souza discussed rumor that Clapps Pond was to be used as a dog run. He commented on the hazards to the wildlife population of unleashed dogs. He suggested the 45-50 acres at the transfer station that would make an ideal dog run. Noted that CCNS would likely cooperate. Problems of access and parking raised.

Old Business:

Property management discussed. Celine made motion and Miriam seconded (vote unanimous) to set up a meeting with the DPW, PCT and ConCom to follow through with management plan, priorities and timetable for Shankpainter Pond.

Priorities as seen by OSC:

- a. restore sand dune initially cut for road into Patrick development to original topographical configuration by topographical map and site engineer.
- b. sand dune revegetated.
- c. establish fool-proof gate on Ship's Way to prevent vehicular access.
- d. snow fencing placed on top of hill (to right of entrance and with beach grass) and directive to use other path until dune restored and trail/walkway completed.
- e. anchor reconfigured dune with topsoil.

Miriam to contact Barnstable Conservation District and ask Master Gardener for plantings on reconfigured dune

Decision to contact Sandy at DPW via letter to schedule joint meeting about management plan initiatives. Motion made by Robin, seconded by Celine. Vote unanimous.

Discussion about requesting meeting and site visit to Shankpainter with Selectmen. Miriam made motion, Robin seconded. Vote unanimous.

Discussion about email received from Asst Town Manager carrying a reprimand from the selectmen to OSC for discussing dog park. The issue was reviewed. A discussion of the meetings at which the Asst Town Manager and Selectman Michele Couture attended in order to bring this very issue of the dog park-- and the Rt 6 leeching fields-- to the attention of the OSC did not shed light on the reason behind this reprimand. It was decided by this committee that the Rt 6 corridor was indeed an important part of this committee's mandate to evaluate open space, and followed the goals of the "Better Managing Open Space" forum, an 2001 initiative in which the OSC was requested to be involved by Town Staff. The vote was unanimous that this reprimand was a bit puzzling.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10AM

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Evans, Acting Secretary