

## Minutes of the Open Space Committee, January 28, 2009, 12:30-2:00

Members present: Ghee Patrick, Steve Milkewicz, and Dennis Minsky (chair and recorder)

Also present: Jon Sinaiko

The committee again discussed land conservation and management in general, and some individual projects specifically.

Mr. Sinaiko again made a presentation concerning his property, known as “Suzanne’s Garden”, and various aspects of the possible acquisition and management of this property were discussed, including:

- Community support; Mr. Sinaiko produced a letter of support from a local professional gardener, and referred to the many others that are included in his proposal to the Community Preservation Committee. He also mentioned that a letter of support from the Provincetown Conservation Trust is forthcoming.

Management; the issue of how “Suzanne’s Garden” would be maintained was discussed; Mr. Sinaiko presented many ideas for the future management of the garden, and promised his own energy and input. The committee appreciated that effort but expressed a sense was that there needed to be a more coherent and comprehensive plan to present to the town. It was also mentioned that, if the land was acquired using Land Bank funds, a management plan would necessarily follow, and funds for the maintenance of the area could come from the Land Bank.

Uses: the pros and cons of holding events on the property, and charging for them, with the proceeds going directly into the General Fund, were discussed.

Easements: the issues of power and water line easements were discussed.

Appraisal: Mr. Sinaiko mentioned that he could have the property appraised as a parking lot, with considerable value.