

Minutes of the Open Space Committee, February 3, 2009, 12:30-1:30

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

Also present: Jon Sinaiko and David Mayo

There was a general discussion of plans for land acquisition in general, and of specific properties as well.

The committee is working on a list of properties of interest for conservation and open space purposes, and comparing it to the list included in the existing Open Space Plan. It was stressed that the current list is simply a work in progress, a working document, and in no way should be considered official.

Both Mr. Sinaiko and Mr. Mayo made presentations to the committee, and both were informed that they should make specific applications to the committee for a specific amounts of funding. There was also a question from Mr. Sinaiko concerning the possibility of the applicants receiving their payments over time, rather than in a lump sum. The committee expressed some doubt about this, but resolved to research the matter.

It was discussed that for either or both of the properties being discussed, and, for that matter, for any property acquired, the conservation restrictions should be held by the Provincetown Conservation Trust.

Mr. Mayo explained that his property is one of the last remaining land grant properties, and runs from Bradford Street to the Old Colony Nature Trail. There was discussion of the need for Mr. Mayo to get an appraisal for his land, and whether that appraisal should be for the total parcel or a subdivided portion.