

Members present: Ghee Patrick, Steve Milkewicz, Dennis Minsky (recording)

Also present: Celine Gandolfo (Provincetown Conservation Trust), Jon Sinaiko

The minutes of the February 6 meeting were read and discussed. Milkewicz moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Patrick seconded, and the minutes were approved (3-0-0).

The draft Open Space Committee Annual Town Report for 2009 was read and discussed. Milkewicz moved to accept the report as corrected, Patrick seconded, and the report was approved (3-0-0).

Celine Gandolfo's letter to the Community Preservation Committee concerning "Suzanne's Garden" was read and discussed.

David Mayo's letter to the Open Space Committee concerning his land at 294 Bradford Street (map and parcel # 15-3-119-0-R) was read and discussed. There was some confusion concerning Mayo's stated intent to "parcel off" a 6,615 square foot lot fronting Bradford Street in his offer. Minsky stated that there was some indication from Mr. Mayo in a conversation the previous day that he would not parcel off the lot, but the subsequent price was in doubt.

Milkewicz moved that the proposal be tabled because of the need for more complete information and study and that the committee express its hope to consider a more complete proposal in the near future. Patrick seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 3-0-0.

There was a discussion concerning the need to amend the 2/6/09 vote that included a recommendation of \$100,000.00 for the Mayo property. Milkewicz moved that the following words be deleted from the 2/6 recommendation: "each of the following properties.....and the property contained in map and parcel # 15-3-110-O-R (applicant: David Mayo)" so that an updated recommendation would read in its entirety: "The committee voted to recommend the commitment of CPA (Community Preservation Act) funds, in the amount of \$100,00.00 to "Suzanne's Garden (applicant: Jon Sinaiko), contingent on approving votes of the CPC (Community Preservation Committee) and at the next Town Meeting.;" Patrick seconded, and the motion was approved by a vote of 3-0-0.

After discussion of the Sinaiko proposal, Steve Milkewicz moved that "The Open Space Committee supports the purchase of "Suzanne's Garden" by the town of Provincetown for the sum of \$250,000.00, contingent upon the raising of grants and supplemental funds, including no more than \$100,000 in CPA (Community Preservation Act) funds, in addition to no more than \$150,000 in Land Bank

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funds, and to place an article on the April 2009 Town Meeting warrant to that effect, and furthermore, to authorize the placement of a Conservation Restriction by the Provincetown Conservation Trust." Patrick seconded, and the motion was approved by a vote of 3-0-0.

Minsky read a letter from Provincetown Conservation Agent Brian Carlson requesting Open Space Committee approval of the Provincetown Conservation Commission's LAND grant application to DCR for the 2.29 acre, three parcel property of E. Richard Davis off Browne Street for the purpose of open space and passive recreation. If the state grant is awarded the Town will be reimbursed at 52% of the sale price of \$200,000. There was discussion of the merits of the property and the appeal of the passive recreation in mind, a community garden for residents of and visitors to Provincetown. Carlson also requested that the Open Space Committee place an article on the Town Meeting Warrant to approve the ConsCom request for the allocation of \$200,00.00 from the Landbank Fund to aid in the purchase of this property.

Milkewicz moved, and Patrick seconded that the Open Space Committee state its approval of the Conservation

Commission's LAND grant application to DCR, and it was approved by a vote of 3-0-0. If a letter stating this support is needed Minsky will write it.

Milkewicz also moved, and Patrick seconded, the following: "The Open Space Committee supports the purchase by the Town of Provincetown of the three parcels of land off Browne Street, totaling 2.29 acres, currently referred to as the "Community Garden" for the sum of \$200,000.00, allocated from the LandBank fund, and to place an article on the April 2009 Town Meeting warrant to that effect, and furthermore, to authorize the placement of a Conservation Restriction by the Provincetown Conservation Trust." The motion was approved by a vote of 3-0-0.