

Open Space Committee, December 22, 2017, 1pm, Truro Public Library

Members Present: Nick Norman, Janice Parky, Jane Petterson, Tony Hodgin

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:03pm.

Minutes of the December 8, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously with the deletion of the word "merits" and the addition of "pros and cons" in the last sentence, and corrected spelling of Mr. Hodgins name.

Budget and Goals: Mr. Norman stated our need to work with the Housing Authority and the Recreation Committee, and to determine what funds are available from the CPC and through the Selectmen. It was agreed by the Committee that working with and including the Recreation Committee is important in future OS acquisitions and usage.

Mr. Hodgins stated that the TCT was looking into fencing at Poor's Hill to discourage climbing the hill, and that Open Space was not involved and should be. Ms. Parky will contact Emily Beebe regarding signage at the beginning of the trail, discussed previously, to explain the fragile habitat and hopefully discourage scaling the hill.

The Walsh property was discussed as land identifiable for Open Space, Affordable Housing and Recreational use (tennis courts, walking trails).

CPC Report: Mr. Norman attended CPC meeting to register OS non-support of the Great Hollow purchase. He questioned whether the land will be designated as Open Space. CPC funds will be used, earmarked as Open Space funding, above the 10% Poor's Hill debt service. TCT and BOS are pushing for acquisition. Pros and cons of the purchase were discussed.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 2 at 1:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 1:54pm

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

