

Open Space Committee, February 24, 2017, 1pm, Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Nick Norman, Janice Parky, Jane Petterson

Members Absent: Tony Hodgins, David DeWitt

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:15pm.

Minutes of the January 13, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Review of Open Space and Town owned Property (Vacant Truro Town Land: All members reports have submitted. Unanimously approved to add the reports to the committee minutes of this meeting. Ms. Parky is to make a list of the properties designated as needing stewardship for review at next meeting.

Review of Goals: To be discussed at next meeting after reviewing stewardship property list. Mr. Norman suggested meeting every other month as with our funding being tied up until 2020, our primary goal will be stewardship.

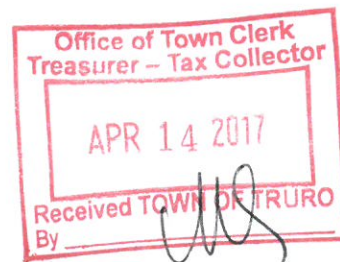
CPC Meeting: Ms. Petterson reported on the disposition of the 2017 CPA funds.

Other: Ms. Parky reported on a conversation with Assistant Health Agent, Emily Beebe regarding signage at Poor's Hill to discourage climbing of the hill. An informational sign, similar to the trap fishing display at the end of the trail, will be installed at the beginning of the trail. Hopefully the information presented will educate the public and prevent foot traffic damage to the fragile dome.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 24, 2017 at 1:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky



Open Space Committee, January 13, 2017, 1pm, Truro Town Hall

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

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:07pm.

New member, Jane Petterson was unanimously appointed to the Committee.

Minutes of the December 2, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

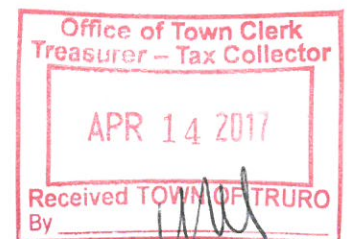
Review of Open Space and Town owned Property (Vacant Truro Town Land): Ms. Parky asked for clarification of the criteria for OS monitoring, Mr. DeWitt stated, "encroachment" from neighboring properties. Reports were presented by Mr. DeWitt and Mr. Norman; Ms. Petterson reported all her properties were owned by the Town of Provincetown (Water Department). Mr. Hodgin and Ms. Parky to report next meeting at which time all information will be entered into the meeting minutes.

Review of Goals: Town Accountant, Trudi Brazil furnished the committee with a report of our debt service. 3 properties, all completed in FY 2020. The Committee agreed to continue to review properties with no purchases until debt service is paid off. Mr. Norman suggested we keep the former Fore 'N Aft Motel in our sights should it still be available at that time.

Mr. Hodgin reported that William Worthington, of the Truro Conservation Trust is currently compiling a list of all the vacant land in the Town. The TCT will share their list with OS as a starting point for future possible acquisitions.

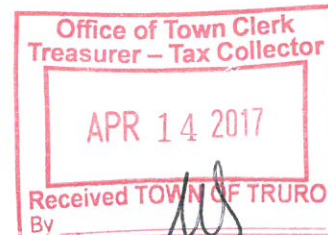
CPC Meeting: Jane Petterson reported on the meeting. Mr. Hodgin added that the 10.5 acre Twinefield property acquisition is being spearheaded by the TCT. The Great Hollow Beach acquisition is being spearheaded by neighbors and abutters. There is no money available for either purchase from OS.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 24, 2017 at 1:00pm



The meeting adjourned at 2:05pm

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky



Open Space Committee, December 2, 2016, 1pm, Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Tony Hodgins, Nick Norman, David Dewitt, Janice Parky

Others Present: Jane Petterson, unofficial new member.

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

Minutes of the May 10, 2016 were approved unanimously.

Review of Open Space and Town owned Property: (Vacant Truro Town Land) The on-going process of review and stewardship was explained to Ms. Petterson. Committee agreed to follow the written format used by Mr. DeWitt, and all information gathered will be entered into meeting minutes.

Discussion of the Great Hollow Beach Extension and purchase of the Twinefield properties: Both properties have significant benefits to the town: Great Hollow for increased recreational use of the beach, and the Twinefield for its historical value and ecological value as an "upland meadow". Ms. Parky and Petterson will be in attendance at the Dec. 9 meeting of the CPC where both initiatives will be discussed as the committee feels more information is necessary. Ms. Parky to contact Trudy Brazil, Town Accountant re: Open Space debt service. Mr. Hodgins, as representative of the TCT (Truro Conservation Trust) asked the OS Committee for a vote of confidence to the merit of the purchase of the Twinefield property. All agreed it was a worthy endeavor and are in support of purchase of the property for open space/conservation.

Review of Goals: Committee to continue with review of Vacant Truro Land and discussion of Great Hollow and the Twinefield property purchases.

Further Business: Following information presented via email by Mr. Hodgins (TCT) it was requested by Ms. Parky that any decisions made by TCT for signage, trail making, etc. on Poor's Hill be made jointly by both groups. OS agreed that signage at the base of the hill where people are climbing and disturbing the hillside is necessary.

Ms. Parky will contact Selectman Paul Wistozky to determine who the Selectman liaison to the OS Committee is.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 13, 2017 at 1:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 1:01pm

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

Open Space Committee, May 10, 2016, Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Tony Hodgin , Nick Norman, David Dewitt, Janice Parky

Others Present: Emily Beebe

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

Edgewood Farm Property: Mr. Hodgin reported on the need for some work to be done at the parking area to the Edgewood Farm property. The Truro Conservation Trust (TCT) is moving forward with this project and creation of a walking trail.

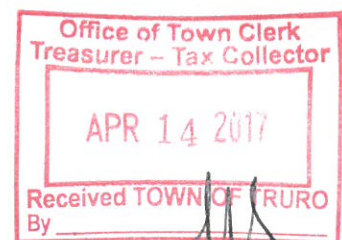
Emily Beebe, Truro Conservation Agent for the Conservation Commission enlightened the Committee about her new role in this capacity. Discussion was had on how the Conservation Commission, TCT and Open Space Committee can work together towards stewardship of Truro's open space parcels. Other avenues for acquiring funding for open space purchases and the condemnation of the Shore Road motel property were also discussed.

Truro Inventory of Conservation and Recreation Interest: The Committee decided to divide up "Vacant Truro Town Land" list, and each member given a number of parcels to research where they are and how/if they are used, to see if stewardship is needed by the OS Committee. Mr. Norman is to contact the Selectmen to as if the OS Committee can in fact steward the Town owned properties.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 12:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 1:01pm
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Respectfully Submitted, Janice



Open Space Committee,

May, 2015 (2015)

Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Tony Hodgins , Nick Norman, Bill Golden, David Dewitt, Janice Parky

Members Absent: Bill Golden

Others Present: Charleen Greenhalgh

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of September 5, 2014 were approved.

Open Space and Recreation Plan update and Open Meeting: Per Mr. Thibodeau, the first four chapters have been revised. Ms. Sullivan-Clark is to meet with Mr. Thibodeau to update Beach and Recreation sections. Mr. Thibodeau stressed the need to incorporate the survey data (due by June 2, 2014) as the next direction for Open Space and Recreation Committees. Ms. Greenhalgh will send Mr. Thibodeau Brian Boyles email address for help in tabulating the surveys. He stated that he is revising, not re-writing and making sure the Plan meshes with the LCP. A pre-drafted letter of approval will be sent to the Selectmen, along with a draft of the document before the filing deadline.

Ms Greenhalgh presented a number of salient points. As a result of the current Plan, stewardship of Town owned properties has been transferred to the Truro Conservation Trust (TCT). There have been no new acquisitions of land by Open Space Committee, but TCT is acquiring land. Recreation Commission has had ball field upgrades and the planting of the Community Garden at the Community Center/Library location. The Beach Commission has re-nourished the dune break at Ballston Beach and at Head of the Meadow.

The loss of the Highland Links Golf Course needs to be added to the Plan.

The appropriate boards and contacts to approve were noted:

Conservation Commission, June 2, Bill Golden

Selectmen, June 3, Nicole Tudor

Planning Board, June 10, Charleen Greenhalgh

Recreation Commission, June 9, Rebecca Townsend/Kelly Sullivan-Clark

Discussion of Stewardship of Conservation Commission Land: Mr. Norman has not been in touch with Ms. McCutcheon.

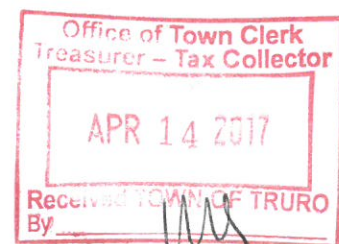
Next Meetings: Open Space and Recreation Open Hearings:

Friday, May 23, 3:00pm, Tuesday, May 27, 5:00pm, Friday, May 30, 3:00pm, Monday, June 2, 3:00pm

Wednesday, June 4, 3:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 10:59

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

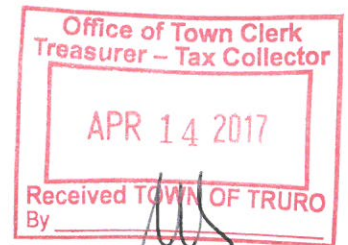


Open Space Committee, October 6, 2015, Truro Town Hall

Members Present: Tony Hodgin , Nick Norman, Bill Golden, David Dewitt, Janice Parky **Others Present:** Charleen Greenhalgh

Members Absent: Bill Golden

Mr. Norman (Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.



Review of 2015 Open Space and Recreation Goals:

Goal 1: Preserve and enhance the availability of open space in order to provide wildlife habitat, recreation opportunities, and protect the natural resources, scenery, and character of Truro. (Consistent with the overall goal for Barnstable County, as expressed in the CC Regional Policy Plan, 2012).

Objective 1: Use Community Preservation Act funds for parcel purchases.

Objective 2: Place CR's on public and private open space for added protection.

Objective 3: Create network of marked bicycle and walking trails with detailed maps.

Goal 2: Maintain the town's historic and rural character, by reducing density, securing future well sites, developing a Route 6 greenbelt, protecting wildlife and endangered species, and providing additional passive recreation areas.

Objective 1: Use Community Preservation Act and other available funding sources for parcel purchases.

Objective 2: Place CR's on public and private open space for added protection.

Objective 3: Designate "Scenic Roads" under MGL C40 S15c.

Goal 3: Ensure that continued residential development does not destroy key open lands that are important for ecosystems, view sheds, rural and historic character, or access ways for the general public.

Objective 1: Increase public awareness of the importance of open space.

Goal 4: Continue to develop active and passive recreation opportunities that serve all segments of Truro's diverse population.

Objective 1: Implement recently approved improvements at Snow's Field.

Objective 2: Establish safe bike routes cooperatively with other groups.

Objective 3: Create more active and passive recreation opportunities, with emphasis on the highest priorities identified during the public participation process.

Objective 4: Improve handicapped accessibility at all facilities.

Objective 5: Improve beach parking areas.

Discussion included the possibility of designating "Scenic Roads", including, Collins Road, Old County Road, Depot Road, North and South Pamet Roads, Long Nook Road and Prince Valley Road. Ms. Greenhalgh advised that this would need ATM approval. Also discussed was handicap access to future walking trails.

Review of Open Space and Town Owned Properties: Ms. Parky mentioned the annual (skipped last year) site visit to prune/maintain Poor's Hill as a heathland habitat. Mr. Dewitt reported that the overgrowth on the hill was minimal and no pruning was necessary. Ms. Parky volunteered to join the TCT on their next site visit to the hill.

Goals and Topics for the Coming Year: Mr. Norman expressed interest in the abandoned Fore 'N Aft motel on Beach Point. Ms. Greenhalgh informed the committee that the State had visited the property and the Attorney General's office has send a letter to the property owners requesting the property be cleaned up. Mr. Dewitt advised that the committee needs to make sure the properties we currently are properly maintained. Our next meeting will include checking the current Open Space properties list and scheduling site visits. Mr. Norman asked if we can make a site visit a meeting of the committee, Ms. Greenhalgh affirmed, as long as they are advertised.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 2:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 2:35

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky