

## Open Space Committee, February 23, 2024

### Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:** Susan Girard-Irwin, Thomas Bow, Nick Norman, Shari Stahl, Janice Parky

**Also Present:** Barbara Carboni, Susan Areson

Ms. Girard-Irwin called the meeting to order at 2:05.

Minutes of the January 5, 2024, meeting were approved.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan Status Update:** Ms. Carboni is still in the process of editing and has discussed options with Darrin Tangeman, Town Manager, to assist in completion. Mr. Norman offered to help or take over for Ms. Carboni. Ms. Carboni stated that outside help is necessary to assist with graphics, etc. Ms. Carboni will assemble the content and give it to Mr. Norman, Ms. Girard-Irwin will review the Plan after Mr. Norman completes his task.

**Update from Truro Conservation Trust:** Mr. Bow informed the Committee that the TCT is leasing a property to the Town on North Pamet Road, to be used for housing for Town Employees. They are currently in negotiation with owners of properties on Meeting House Road and Phats Valley Road. The Trust has added new trustees as there are several items on the table.

**Update on CPC:** Ms. Girard-Irwin informed the Committee that all 8 grant applications submitted had been approved; to be on the Selectmen's agenda for the March 26 meeting. As she is leaving the OS Committee, a new liaison to the Committee needs to be appointed. Ms. Stahl volunteered to step into the role of CPC Liaison. So voted unanimously.

**Other Business:** Ms. Parky informed the Committee that she will not be renewing her appointment when it expires in June. This led to discussion as to the future of the Open Space Committee. Mr. Norman stated that the focus of the Town has shifted; housing being a more pressing need. Can the OS Committee be an ad-hoc Committee that meets when the OSRP needs to be revised? Ms. Areson added that the OSRP is necessary to apply for grant funding; and a committee is necessary to apply for grants. Discussion to be continued.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 2pm

Meeting adjourned at ???

Respectfully Submitted, Janice Parky

