



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