

## Open Space Committee August 3 1999

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6:15 meeting in the Caucus Room in Town Hall. Everyone present except Fred (held up in getting back from Nantucket): Gordon Peabody, Robin Evans, Barbara Sullivan, Hatty Walker Fitts and Celine Gandolfo, alternate

Minutes from last meeting not ready for approval.

Gordon gave out materials as follows;

1. Concerns with tax I.D. of properties
2. How to define public land
3. Proposed conversions of conservation land
4. Concerns by town counsel on tax impact of conservation land
5. Open Space recreation plan from Wellfleet
6. Article re: stewardship program in Pleasant Bay
7. Memo from Bergman re: Management Plan for the Shankpainter Property

Acquisition Options Discussion:

Start putting a list of what properties are available-- a list to start with came from the assessors office

7:00 PM Fred Berger arrives

Determining Priorities: Will be part of a "round table" discussion. Fred reported on a bill in the legislature that would allow

affordable housing using Landbank funds. He is not sure where it is in the process at this time. We went around for comments:

Development rights, land in Truro for water; access to waterfront, connect existing conservation lands; establishing and maintaining

Greenway Corridors; walking paths; read Open Space and recreation Plans for guidelines. Education/access via interactive activities.

Developing use and management plans:

How the land is used and maintained and who would do it. Barbara Sullivan will contact person in Wellfleet as to what they do.

Also what do they do for staff support?? Critical issue is to know what we are going to do with the property before acquiring it.

Controlled access? Needs to apply to the future as well as now. Review process eg. 2 year plan to be reviewed and renewed.

Incorporate all other organizations handling trash, walking paths, bike paths, parking funding for personnel, signage with information

on what one is viewing, raised walkways and viewpoints, knowing how much intrusion land can take. Education be a hallmark of

interactive use. Maintain plantings of indigenous species.

Invest 3% of Landbank funds to fund management.

Public In-put Channels:

Gordon Peabody asked that the members of the committee suggest people who could come to speak to the committee re: use

management issues--resource tools

Next meeting is September 7th at 6:00PM

Adjourn @ 7:55 PM.

Hatty Walker Fitts  
Acting Secretary