

Open Space Committee

Tuesday, September 7th 1999

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Present; Gordon Peabody, Barbara Sullivan, Hatty Walker Fitts, Robin Evans, Fred Berger, Celine Gandolfo (alternate)

Called to order by Gordon Peabody at 6:10 PM
also attending Felix from the Cape Cod Times

Approve minutes of August 3rd--motion made by Robin Evans, 2nd by Barbara Sullivan. Voted yes by Gordon Peabody, Barbara Sullivan, Hatty Walker Fitts, Robin Evans, Fred Berger, Celine Gandolfo

Acquisition Options: an ongoing item for this committee.

Types we can acquire:

- a) Conservation Easement--prevents development , but property owners maintain some control.
- b) Outright Gifts
- c) Shared funding i.e.Chapter 91 lateral access limited in provincetown, but do need perpendicular access. Harbor Plan suggests using Ch. 91 funds to get the perpendicular access. Priority item.
- d) Grants--there are a variety available that could be used.
- e) Easement Rights--can be purchased and deeded in perpetuity
- f) Purchase Development Rights
- g) Stewardship Program (eg. Pleasant Bay)
- h) Open Space Funds (Landbank Funds)
- i) Use Land for Affordable Housing

Use options discussion: look at use as impact and see as levels of impact.

Keep management simple

- a) Deep Space: cannot even get to the land--use is for the animals
- b) Visual Space: needs minimal access eg. along roadside or next to other open space parcels
- c) direct Access--minimal impact--some de-vegetation--footpaths
- d) moderate impact--set up for more people and more intense use of trails
- e) maximum impact--vehicle parking, drinking fountains, bathrooms, etc.

Funding Options--see acquisition options above

Acquisition possibilities -- Look at possible small parcels for pocket parks; keep campgrounds as campgrounds; land in Truro for

water supply; land adjacent to Foss Woods and Railroad Right of way and behind the Holiday Inn and Duncan Lane Properties--
green Space Corridor; protect lands around water corridor

Hatty Walker Fitts look into possible small parcels for "pocket parks"--please come with suggestions for next meeting

Management Plan development:

- a) general management Impact Assessment addressing sensitivity of an area (surviving quotient) Need to learn how to "read" habitat and hydrology.
- b) set up parameters for usage and needs to make it possible

Management Plan for Shankpainter Pond

Celine has been speaking with Mark Robinson re: pathways system to park and replanting the road where it is cut in.

Americorp will assist.

We need a work session prior to next meeting. We will meet at Cumberland Farms at 5:00PM on the September 25th to walk the Shankpainter Property.

Next meeting will be on September 28th 1999 at 6:00 PM

Adjourn at 7:50 PM

Acting Secretary: Hatty Walker Fitts