

Open Space Meeting 12/21/99

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Present: Gordon Peabody, Hatty Fitts, Fred Berger, Celine Gandolfo, Barbara Sullivan

Public Statement: Peter Souza- thanks to Gordon for all the work he's done. Went on to bring up subject of dirt bikes in the Shankpainter Pond area..part of the green corridor. Must protect Clapps Pond area as well as Shankpainter because town already owns it.

Gordon said capping project would lead to such a plan. We need to provide an alternative for the dirt bikes and the capped space could be such an area.

Gordon reported that DPW is interested in some land for water.

Also, there is a fence up at Shankpainter. However, the property doesn't start until 1/2 way down the cut, so there is a question as to what the state will do regarding having a small parking area at the entrance (asked Fred to look into getting this info from the state)

Acquisition Options--how do we come up with a price for the Locke Property. Need to come up with a "Determination of Relative Value". Barbara suggested we talk to the local Banks for an even handed assessment. She said she would contact both CCB&T and Seaman's and report back to the Committee.

Review of the Score Sheet presented by Gordon. Pointed out that accessibility and sustain ability are critical issues. This should be a flexible tool. Each member of the Committee should do a score sheet for each property being considered by the Committee.

Two front burner issues for the Committee are: Shank painter Management Plan and the Locke property. Also looking at some other properties.

Look into working with the harbor Committee to use 91 monies to put together a pocket park in the waterfront.

For next meeting:

1. Financial report--Hatty Fitts
2. Draft management plan--Celine/Robin
3. Can we put parking on State land at Shankpainter(Fred-did we buy curbcut or easement?)
4. Appraisal possibilities with local banks--Barbara

As of January - will need 2 new Committee members --a new alternate and a replacement for Gordon Peabody. (This is Gordon's last official meeting)

Need to put together a resource area (file); minutes book

Next meeting 1/4/00 at 6:00PM

Hatty Walker Fitts will be acting chair until elections

Adjourned at 7:40 PM

Hatty Walker Fitts

Acting Secretary