

**Town Lands Committee**

**Minutes**

**October 13, 2015**

Approved December 9, 2015

Present: Ken Oehmig, Co-Chair, Jane Smith, Co-Chair, David Hackett, Hope Hilton, Ned Perry, and Jean Richter

Absent: John Loyd, Ellen Shillinglaw and Bob Waddle

The Committee met at 7:00 PM at the Town Offices after conducting site visits at the Town Landing at Lookout Point and at Wood Landing.

1. Approve Minutes

The minutes of the Town Lands Committee meeting on September 1, 2015 were approved as circulated.

2. Old Business

a. Invasive Species Update

There was nothing new to report

b. Any updates on Ownership of Bar and Jenny Islands

Hope is still researching issues on the State level.

c. Giant's Stairs sign about terrain

Ken reported he was still waiting for draft language from Ellen.

d. Hildreth Parking

Work has begun on this project.

e. Dog bags at Mackerel Cove & update

It was reported that a trial dog waste bag dispenser is being installed, but it may not be there permanently.

f. Lobster trap

It was reported that Terri Sawyer said there was little interest indicated by the Board of Selectmen in allowing old lobster traps to be left at the land fill due to the need to track down the owners of the traps.

3. Review Site Visit to Lookout Point and Wood Landing.

The Lookout Point landing appeared to be fairly heavily used justifying the recent acquisition of the additional parking area. The Committee continues to recommend that new wooden posts be installed at the northeast and northwest corners of the parking area with "Park Between signs" routed or painted on the post with an arrow pointing to the opposite post.

The Wood Landing appears to be in use and well maintained.

4. Steward Report – Graveyard Point

a. Graveyard Point

The Committee discussed the 33 foot right-of-way running 16 feet on each side of the center of the road. It was suggested that some trimming around the parking spaces might be helpful, as well as some sunken timbers marking the outside perimeters of the parking spaces. There followed a discussion of the 3 foot right-or-way to the cemetery that was part of a consent agreement. Ken will check to see if an abstract of a court decree or another document was recorded at the registry of deeds.

5. Cigarette receptacles

Ken confirmed that the couple (Mike and Nan Roylos) who had appeared at the September meeting of the Committee to discuss their cigarette receptacles known as a Sidewalk Butler had been referred by Terri Sawyer. The Committee referred the issue to the Conservation Commission and the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust to see if either of these entities would be interested in following up with the receptacles.

6. Mitchell Field meeting update

Terri Sawyer had asked Ken to see if a committee member could attend a Mitchell Field Meeting. Jane had attended and told the committee that she believes the wharf project is too expensive, reporting that the clean-up of the old pier could be over \$1,000,000 alone. A discussion of the broader Mitchell Field opportunities followed with references being made to the large building near the shoreline and the water tower further away from the water. Jane suggested it would be better to upgrade existing landings – such as Tidemill, Graveyard Point, and Hildreth Landing - rather than build a new ramp at Mitchell Field.

7. Capital budget items for next year

Based on the discussions about Mitchell Field and the suggestion that the Town improve other town landings instead of building a new landing at Mitchell Field, the Committee voted in favor of the following Motions:

Motion: That the Town Lands Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen consider proposing a warrant article seeking a Town vote on whether to expend up to \$5,000 for a feasibility study of improving the parking and water access for fishing and recreation at the Holbrook Street Landing.

Motion: That the Town Lands Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen consider proposing a warrant article seeking a Town vote on whether to expend up to \$3,000 for a feasibility study of securing more parking for the Bethel Point Town Landing.

Motion: That the Town Lands Committee recommends that the Board of Selectmen continue to work on increasing the parking for the Potts Point Landing.

8. Stewardship reports to review at next meeting

Ken will try to prepare a written report on Tide Mill/Grist Mill Landing.

9. Other – No additional items were discussed.

10. Next regular meeting: Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00 PM at the Town Office.

Submitted by

Ned Perry