

Town Lands Committee
Minutes
February 9, 2016
Approved March 8, 2016

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

Guests: Mary Ann Nahf, Chair of Conservation Commission and Rick Daniel, Selectmen Liaison

Absent: John Loyd and Jean Richter

The Committee met at 6:00 PM at the Town Offices with Co-Chairs Jane Smith and Ken Oehmig welcoming Mary Ann Nahf, Chair of the Conservation Commission.

1. Visit from Conservation Commission

Mary Ann Nahf discussed the Proposed Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance and the Insect Growth Regulator and Insecticide Application Control Ordinance dealing with the use of pesticides and fertilizers. She said one of the purposes of the effort is to prohibit the use of any pesticide or fertilizer within twenty-five feet of the maximum high water line and prohibit the use of neonicotinoids, other than limited application on wind pollinated plants except by a Licensed Applicator (as defined in Section 2 of the Ordinance). She also said one of the purposes of the effort is to move the prohibition of the use of fertilizers from the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (where it is often missed by residents and professional landscapers) to an "Outdoor Pesticides Control and Fertilizer Use Ordinance" where it should be more visible. The committee thanked Mary Ann for her presentation and her efforts to move these amendments forward. The committee would welcome the application of the proposed Ordinance on town lands.

2. Visit from Joe Leblanc on Holbrook Landing

Mr. Leblanc had not shown up by 6:30 so the committee discussed the issue in his absence. Rick advised the committee that a site visit for the wharf proposal was scheduled for the following day (Wednesday, February 10) at 4:00 PM. The committee expressed concerns about the public needing to share the few parking spaces at the landing with the seven fishermen whose names had been submitted with the application. The committee discussed recommending to the Board the addition of three parking spaces to the Holbrook Landing parking area by building out from the seaward edge of the parking lot a raised area supported by pressure treated or concrete beams filled with riprap similar to the landings at Dick's Lobster House and the Dolphin Marina. The committee also pointed out the warrant article that had been submitted with the application involved the lease of Wood Landing as part of a resolution of a lawsuit between the town and the Moody family. As Mr. Leblanc still had not appeared, the committee moved on to other agenda items.

3. Approve Minutes

The minutes of the Town Lands Committee meeting on January 12, 2016 were approved after several sections had been reviewed and revisions made.

4. Old Business
 - a. Graveyard abutter
The committee discussed ways to improve the Graveyard Landing and related parking issues.
 - b. Landings & Abutters
The Committee discussed the Harpswell policy related to tax takings and recommended that the Board of Selectmen take into consideration the value of any land that abuts town lands as the Board weighs all the tax taking issues.
 - c. Permit for Work Abutting the Steamboat Road Landing
The Committee had forwarded its concerns to the Town Offices after its last meeting. There was no additional information about the permit for the work.
 - d. Possible Town-wide master plan on landings (in relation to Mitchell Field ramp)
It was reported that Jane Covey had asked after the last meeting whether the Town Lands Committee had been serious about putting forward a proposal for a town-wide plan on landings. After discussion, the committee decided to review a draft of a proposal for a Town Landings Review Task Force at its next meeting.
5. Stewardship reports (time permitting)
 - a. Tide Mill
 - b. Lookout Point

Due to the late hour, the committee agreed to re-schedule these reports for the next meeting.
6. Proposed lease at Holbrook Landing
See agenda item #2 above.
7. Items remaining from last year
Due to the late hour, this topic was not discussed.
8. Stewardship reports to review next meeting
See item #5 above.
9. Other
It was decided to review a draft letter for town land abutters and a draft of a Town Landings Review Task Force proposal at the committee's next meeting.
10. Next Regular meeting: Tuesday, March 8 at 6:00 PM at the Town Offices.

On motion made, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Submitted by:

Ned Perry