

Town of Wellfleet
Coastal and Pond Access Committee

Meeting of Tuesday April 2, 2002
Approved Minutes

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Members present: Thomas Flynn, Chairman, Clarence Smith, Thomas Peters (Clerk);
absent, Robert Paine, Sylvia Smith.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

1. The members reviewed the minutes for our last meeting of March 5th, and upon review and a motion by C. Smith, seconded by T. Flynn, voted unanimously to approve the same.
2. The members accepted with gratitude a donation of a Wellfleet Assessor's Atlas from member Clarence Smith.

OLD BUSINESS

3. The members continued a review of old correspondence and voted to discard items that were either responded to long ago, or superceded by intervening events. The members voted to table a recent letter from J. White concerning Duck Harbor landing and the erection of a fence; Chairman Flynn noted that upon his inspection, the fence is an erosion control measure and not a boundary fence. Further, the device is located in the right place to serve that objective. The members transferred the letter to a subject file on "Duck Harbor." The members also reviewed a letter of J. White on the topic of access to Dyer Pond. Evidently, a letter dated Feb. 27, 2002 from the Commonwealth states that the pond is not a great pond because it is less than ten acres. The members decided to place this correspondence in the subject file entitled "Pond." The members decided to move the balance of correspondence to the committee's reading file.
4. The members then began a review and discussion of issues continuing from the minutes from its March 5th meeting. For ease of reference the members used those minutes by numbered paragraph. T. Flynn reported on the "Wellfleet 2005" meeting of Saturday, March 8, 2002. [Para. 1]. Apparently, the most significant issue identified was a lack of communication among various Town boards and committees. T. Flynn drafted a memo which the members decided to address to the Assistant Town Administrator ("ATA"). Also, citizens should use the Town's website and/or put their minutes on a diskette (MC Word for Windows) or Fax the item to the Admin. Office at Town Hall.
5. C. Smith reported on a meeting concerning the boat ramp at the Town wharf. [Para. 5]. Dot Dolan was the acting Chair of the Wellfleet Conservation Commission for this hearing. A consultant reported that the plan is to configure the ramp to a dimension of 14 feet long by 11 feet wide. Materials to be used would be crushed stone and reinforced cement. C. Smith provided the participants with a history of the facility, and expressed the view that the Committee has no objection to the plans as stated. The Harbormaster seemed gratified by C. Smith's comments. C. Smith will attend the next scheduled hearing on this matter.
6. T. Flynn reported on the status of efforts to get a Town deed for the landing at Cannon Hill in South Wellfleet recorded. [Para. 9.]. T. Flynn obtained a plot plan; he transferred it to the Town Clerk; and, she agreed to resubmit this documentation to the County Registry of Deeds for proper recording.
7. The members then discussed a list of Town-owned properties which the Open Space Committee proposed to transfer to the Town's Conservation Commission. Evidently, a long list of properties totaling 73.07 acres will NOT be on the warrant. However, a shorter list of parcels comprising 12.44 acres WILL be on April's warrant. The members reviewed each parcel identified for transfer. The members are of the opinion that the proposed transfer is potentially in the citizens' best interests, provided that the transfer ensures that Public Access and municipal uses are allowed and preserved for the future.
8. Water Trails. Members were encouraged by the Chairman to read the *Cape Codder* dated Friday, March 22, 2002 at page 48.
9. The members decided to meet next on the second Tuesday of the month, that is, May 14, 2002 at 7:30 PM, and at the usual place.

WHEREUPON, the members unanimously voted to adjourn.


Thomas Peters, Clerk

Approved by a vote of 2-0, with one abstention, at the Committee's posted regular meeting of Tuesday, May 14, 2002. T.H.P.