

Town of Wellfleet  
Coastal and Pond Access Committee

Meeting of February 21, 2003  
Minutes

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Members present: Thomas Flynn (Chairman), Clarence Smith, Sylvia Smith, Thomas Peters (clerk).

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:50 AM in the Town Hall Conference room.

**CORRESPONDENCE & NEW BUSINESS**

1. The members discussed a public hearing to be conducted by the Board of Selectmen on Monday February 21<sup>st</sup>. The hearing will consider revisions to the Town's beach regulations. Members expressed their dismay with new regulatory language which would close parking at "the Sluice way" (a Town landing and parking area at the confluence of Gull Pond and Higgins Pond) in July and August. [Note the ambiguity of language "and access by boat from the public recreation landing."]. The consensus was that Town landings at great ponds are supposed to be open to the public at reasonable times and hours. The proposed language appeared to diminish substantially that legal obligation of the Town to citizens. Accordingly, members were encouraged to attend the public hearing. While on this topic, members also discussed: (a) nascent plans to close ponds to public access on a seasonal basis, (b) the need to develop a control plan to manage ponds and accesses to water, (c) the need to identify, survey, and erect monuments/bounds for Snake Road [*sic*: the name is Steele Road] to its intersection with Old Hay Road.
2. The members reviewed with pleasure a letter from the Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) to Chet Lay, a surveyor. The correspondence directs and authorizes surveys for Town owned property on Lieutenant's Island (Map 40, lots 170, 171 and 183, and Meadow Avenue). The Committee strongly supported this project, as it helps define the Town landing at this locale.
3. The committee discussed current (continuing) access issues at Indian Neck.
4. The members reviewed an announcement for a "roundtable" to be led by Town Counsel on the topic of "Roads and Access." Members are strongly encouraged to attend this event, which will take place Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 6PM at the Public Library.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Chairman discussed his meeting with the ATA.
2. The members discussed a certain town-owned parcel "lot 36" which came before the Open Space Committee. The members of CPAC determined that the lot had no access to water, and for that reason, the lot was not with the purview of the CPAC.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday March 11, 2003 at 10AM, somewhere in Town Hall.

WHEREUPON, the members unanimously voted to adjourn.



Thomas Peters, Clerk