

Town of Wellfleet
Wellfleet, Massachusetts

Coastal and Pond Access Committee

Meeting of March 11, 2003

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Members present: Thomas Flynn, Chairman, Sylvia Smith, Thomas Peters, clerk; absent, Clarence Smith.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM in the Town Hall Hearing Room.

1. The members reviewed the draft minutes of the Committee's regular, posted meeting of February 21, 2003. Members noted that "Snake" Road was in fact Steele Road, and voted unanimously to amend the minutes with an appropriate editorial comment. The members thereupon voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE & NEW BUSINESS

1. The Chairman presented a news article from the *Cape Cod Times* of Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003 on the subject of Massachusetts legislation to condemn waterfront inter-tidal property for public access throughout the Commonwealth. The article focused on beachfront on Nantucket.
2. The Chairman also presented two articles concerning the "sluiceway" between Gull Pond and Higgins Pond which appeared in the *Cape Codder* on February 28th and *The Banner* on Feb. 27th of this year.

[The members voted to add the articles to the Committee's reading file.]

3. The Chairman advised that on Wednesday March 12th there will be a lunch for friends of the Nauset/Wellfleet Elementary School at the Wellfleet Elementary School.
4. The Chairman called members attention to a February 25, 2003 memorandum from the Assistant Town Administrator (ATA) on the subject of a process to manage Town-owned real estate assets. Members were encouraged to review the memo and to provide comments for inclusion in any Committee recommendation before March 24th.
5. The Chairman distributed copies of Massachusetts that address the subjects of Great Ponds and waterways.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Chairman provided a report and background about the current public issue concerning management of Town ponds in general and the sluiceway in particular. Some in the Town are unhappy with the soaring numbers of people who use (and, sometimes, abuse) the ponds. The near term result is the decision by the Selectmen to "temporarily" close the sluiceway during July and August this summer. The issue again emphasizes a need to develop a consensus on a management plan and to enforce the plan's standards.
2. The members discussed the need to resume field work for characterizing and identifying "ways to water." The Chairman will contact the Lay brothers about ongoing survey work for Meadow Avenue and town lots in this vicinity (the Southwest corner of Lieutenant Island). The members wish to conduct their usual field trip to record identifying data and to make recommendations for usage.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 8, 2003 at 10AM at Town Hall.

WHEREUPON, the members unanimously voted to adjourn.

Thomas Peters, Clerk

Approved by a vote of 3-0 at the Committee's posted, regular meeting of Friday June 13, 2003. T.H.P.