

Town of Wellfleet
Wellfleet, Massachusetts

Coastal and Pond Access Committee

Meeting of Friday, February 6, 2004
Approved Minutes

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Members present: Thomas Flynn, Chairman; James Falcone; Thomas Peters, clerk; absent due to inclement weather; Clarence Smith and Sylvia Smith.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM. The members thereafter reviewed the draft minutes from their meeting of Jan.9, 2004. Upon deliberation and the correction of minor typographical errors, the members voted to approve the minutes without dissent.

CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chairman related a telephone conversation with his counterpart on the Town's Open Space Committee (Ms. Plaue) on the topic of the latter's initiative to deal with the use of that area of Town-owned land on Pole Dike Road known as "the Sand Pit." Basically, the idea is to survey a portion of this area that is wetland, and to then convey that portion to the Wellfleet Conservation Trust (so far as can be ascertained). Members discussed the matter, again. First, the issue is well outside the *penumbra* of the Committee's mission. Second, the area is already protected by Wetlands protocols of both Massachusetts and Federal statutes and regulations. Accordingly, it is at best unclear what useful purpose could be served by the Town expenditure for surveying, let alone accompanied by a conveyance of the subdivided parcel to another entity (which entity is not directly accountable to the Wellfleet electorate). The Chairman declined to offer the Committee's support for this initiative.

The Chairman reported on the continuing issue about use (that is, parking of vehicles) in an area at the confluence of Gull Pond and Higgins Pond, known as "the Sluice." The matter had been reported in the press, and manifested itself at a Selectmen's meeting a few days ago. Last Summer, the area was closed to parking by decision of the Selectmen because of reported abuse and deterioration of the area. The Town's Beach Commissioner proposed to continue that closure, at least temporarily. The press apparently reported that the proposed "closure" of parking would be permanent. That report provoked vociferous objection from a significantly numerous group of citizens who attended the Selectmen's meeting. The net result of the discussion is that the "Sluice" will be open to parking this Summer, and the Beach Commissioner is tasked to present a management plan to administer the area. The plan is to be submitted to the Town in late June.

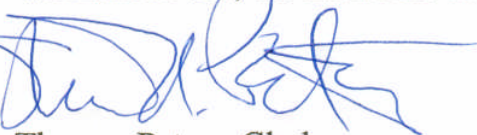
NEW BUSINESS:

The Committee devoted the remainder of this meeting to a review of its list of landings, and their transfer to a set of newly acquired maps.

NEXT MEETING:

Friday, March 5, 2004 at 1PM.

WHEREUPON, the members unanimously voted to adjourn.



Thomas Peters, Clerk

Approved by a vote of 3-0 at the Committee's posted, (rescheduled) regular meeting of (February 27, 2004). T.H.P.