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Coastal and Pond Access Committee

TOWN CLERK

Meeting Of October 17, 2005
Approved Minutes

Members present: Tom Flynn (chairman), Clarence Smith, Mort Miller, Sylvia Smith (member *ex officio*), Tom Peters, (clerk); absent, Jim Falcone. Special guest, Sandy Millar.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. Members reviewed the draft minutes of the Committee's meetings on August 5th and September 12th, 2005. After discussion, and upon motion duly seconded, the members voted unanimously, with one abstention (3-0-1) to accept both sets of minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Chairman Flynn reported on the results of the Selectman's meeting (Oct. 11th) at which he submitted the Committee's letter of recommendations about Meadow Avenue and its Town landing on Lieutenant Island. The Selectmen ask for a brief cover letter addressed to the Board of Selectmen, which cover letter formally asks that the Town adopt this Committee's recommendations as presented. Members appointed the Chairman to draft and send the appropriate letter.
2. The Chairman reported that the Town's Natural Resources Advisory Board (NRAB) supports the committee's proposals for management of Meadow Avenue, access to Town property and the Town landing in this vicinity. However, the NRAB is concerned about the issue of vehicle access to the beach area and the potential impact on wildlife habitat. The members' consensus is that the extent and frequency of vehicle access is a matter outside the Committee's designated mission, and is an issue which is more

appropriately addressed by the Town, and possibly in the Harbor Management Plan, still in embryo. Tom Flynn also mentioned that he will attend the NRAB's meeting at 7 PM this evening, and invited all to do likewise if possible.

3. The Town's Charter Review Committee asks for an "expansion" upon the Committee's memo to the Selectmen about "Access to ways to water." The clerk agreed to take on this task.
4. The NRAB is sponsoring a seminar this Saturday on the "State of Wellfleet Harbor." Members are encouraged to attend.
5. The members discussed at length issues concerning Lt. Island's Pond Avenue and the Town landing in this vicinity. The landing is at the terminus of Lt. Island Road and what was once Town property. In a nut shell to illustrate the difficulties of sorting out "entitlements" or "expectations", the issues are: (a) past owners were co-owners, some conveyed their interest, some (apparently) did not; (b) names that appear from public references are Dorothy and Wilfred Le Page, Louise Crowell, and "Agar;" it is unclear that these actors are even alive, let alone that they understood the impact of what they are purported to have done; (c) the Town acquired land in the vicinity, but the extent of this real property interest is not crystal clear. The Chairman stated that these issues will arise soon at a forthcoming meeting of the Town's Conservation Commission (CONSCOM). The chairman anticipates that Audubon Society will renew and pursue its application to install rock boulders on Lt. Is. Road (access to Pond Avenue) and on Meadow Avenue to protect their property.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 7, 2005 at 2 PM.

WHEREUPON, the members unanimously voted to adjourn.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Peters', written in a cursive style.

Thomas Peters, Clerk

Approved by a vote of 4-0 at the Committee's posted, regular meeting of May 2, 2006. T.H.P.