Town of Wellfleet Wellfleet, Massachusetts

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Coastal and Pond Access Committee

Meeting of Tuesday, May 2, 2006 Accepted Minutes

Members present: Tom Flynn, Chairman, Jim Falcone, Mort Miller, Sylvia Smith (ex officio), Tom Peters, clerk; absent, Clarence Smith.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE: None discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

- Members discussed town counsel's opinion of the landing at the Northeast corner (the "boat house") landing, and decided to continue further discussion for the future.
- 2. Site Inspections. The Chairman briefed members on four visits.
- 3. The "Gut." We have a Wellfleet CONSCOM letter to respond to about utility poles and signage on town property. The clerk will take this on, with supervision from the Chairman. A response needs to issue forth to the CONSCOM.
- West Meadow Avenue on Lieutenant Island. Recent activity by nature and human activity constrains access and use. A reasonable parking area needs to be re-established. The Chairman will take this task on.
- 5. Beach Enrichment. The Chairman broached a topic that has a great impact on public landings. Abutters protect their turf, with the result that public access suffers undue erosion. Who should pay for the needed maintenance? How can one determine what part of beach erosion is attributable to the depredations of

- "protective" actions by abutters (seawalls, etc.), and what part is nature?
- 6. Returning to Lieutenant Island issues again, the members decided that more study is required about the access by way of Pond Avenue to the Northeast corner. Jim Falcone and Mort Miller will take this on.

NEW BUSINESS

- 7. The Zielinski property. The locale is on Drummer Cove in South Wellfleet. Evidently the lot is located on another "pond avenue." The lot does not conform to what the members understand is Wellfleet's current minimum lot size for this area: 30,000 sq. ft. Cursory review of the assessors' maps reveals that none of the abutting neighbors lots are of this size, either. Nevertheless, neighbors, evidently, are bent on preventing Zielinski from building on his lot, for the apparent reason that to do so would obstruct their view and constrain their accustomed access to Drummer Cove. The Chairman will attempt to propose a resolution by enlisting the offices of Wellfleet's "Community Preservation Act" Committee (CPAC), open space advocates, and Zielinski.
- 8. The Chairman stressed the need to pursue a more permanent solution to shore access over what is colloquially known as "Sterling Pass," which is near King Phillip and Hiawatha Roads in South Wellfleet. The access is used by permission of Ms. Sterling, but it is the optimal access for aquaculturalists and shell fishermen for this vicinity. The Chairman will pursue this.
- 9. The members discussed committee membership (the need for more) and the possible need to resubmit the Committee's charter to the Board of Selectmen for ratification, reconsideration, or revision.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 30, 2006 in the Wellfleet Town Hall Hearing Room.

WHEREUPON, the members unanimously voted to adjourn.

Thomas Peters, Clerk

Accepted by a vote of 3-0 at the Committee's posted, regular meeting of Tuesday February 6, 2007. T.H.P.

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