

Tiverton Open Space and Land Preservation Commission

April 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:02 PM. Present: Ginger Lacy, Brian Janes, Phil Schuyler, Garry Plunkett, Gayle Lawrence, Dennis Culberson, and Martin Van Hof Guest: Susan Gill

II. Administrative Announcements and Reports

A. Motion to approve minutes of March 19, 2014 by Schuyler/Plunkett

All approved.

B. Treasurer's report was accepted as presented by Culberson.

C. Fogland Oversight Committee update presented by VanHof.

D. GPS Acquisition/Use options presented by Culberson. More research to follow.

III. Stewardship Reports

A. Weetamoo Woods:

1. Plunkett recommended up to \$750 be appropriated for meadow clearing. Approved (Plunkett/VanHof).

2. Borden Brook Monitoring: Culberson & Plunkett attended training with URI Watershed Watch to learn testing procedures. Harbor Commission has participated in program for years and Plunkett recommends we test the Brook for at least one year to establish baseline data. Fee is \$600. Plunkett will investigate alternate funding sources. Motion (Janes/Lawrence) to spend up to \$300 towards the

testing program for this year.

3. Final language for the Weetamoo historic sign approved. Motion (Lacy/Janes) to spend up to \$200 for three signs approved.

4. Janes reports that David Rose has requested a “No Parking” sign at the Lafayette Road chain. “No Parking Access Road” approved. Janes will ask DPW to order/install.

B. High Hill Point: No report

C. Highland Woods: No report

D. Fort Barton Woods

1. Schuyler reports that Sheila Kauffman was gathering a group of seniors from the high school to volunteer to stain the tower. Motion (Schuyler/Lawrence) to expend up to \$200 for materials approved.

2. The previously approved stairway repairs are due to begin this week.

3. Plunkett reports that Barbara Pelletier contacted him about installing binoculars on the tower at a cost of \$5-7,000. We do not have funds. No action taken.

E. Pocasset Ridge: Plunkett reported installation of orange ribbons to designate a potential trail route. At the same time he completed the annual site walk of the Sanford parcel.

IV. Old Business

A. Katherine Johnson Proposal: She has other obligations for this summer but will consider the work for the following year.

B. Comprehensive Plan Update: No report.

C. Discussion of updating zoning maps to reflect all open space

properties. Janes will contact Michaud to be notified of next zoning update.

D. Weetamoo Maps and info is updated and available on line. Lacy to send links to Gerlach.

V. New Business: None

VI. Executive Session

Motion made and approved (Plunkett, Schuyler) to enter executive session at 8:42pm The Commission came out of executive session as moved by Plunkett/Schuyler at 9:19pm.

Motion to adjourn (Lawrence/Janes) 9:20pm

Minutes recorded by

Brian Janes