

Tiverton Open Space and Land Preservation Commission

May 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:06 PM. Present: Ginger Lacy, Brian Janes, Phil Schuyler, Gayle Lawrence, Jim Spears, Dennis Culberson, and Martin Van Hof. Guests: Susan Gill, Barbara Peletier, and Bruce Epke.

I. Administrative Announcements and Reports

A. Motion to approve minutes of April 21, 2014 Schuyler/Lawrence All approved.

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

C. Lacy announced that Gayle Lawrence and Dennis Culberson are up for re-appointment by the council. Both agreed to submit application for re- appointment.

D. Lacy reported that \$81 had been raised with the sale of Weetamoo posters. It will be added the Pocasset Ridge Stewardship fund.

E. Lacy reported that Grad students from Rodger Williams University will work on a project to analyze potential uses for the Gas Station at Grinnell's Beach.

II. Guest presentations

Ms Peletier made several suggestions including: Sending Ft. Barton brochures to Newport welcome center and inviting outside schools to make use of the woods for educational tours.

The Commission discussed the proposals and took them under

advisement.

Mr Epke made a request to be allowed to remove a fallen cedar tree for use as a flag pole at the Tiverton Yacht club. The commission promised to view the tree and consider the request. It was suggested that the town council may have to make the decision.

III. Stewardship Reports

A. Weetamoo Woods:

1. New Weetamoo historic sign went up. Lacy reported that it looked good but was concerned that there may be a flaw in the finish that may lead to corrosion.

2. Borden Brook Monitoring: Culberson reported that samples were taken and tested for dissolved O₂. Others were sent off to the lab for further tests.

B. High Hill Point: No report.

C. Highland Woods: No report

D. Fort Barton Woods

1. Schuyler reports that 2 high school students worked for 2 hours and stained the tower. He said they worked very well.

2. Stairway repairs are under way. The first set is complete the more complicated set may be delayed due to scheduling.

E. Pocasset Ridge: No report.

IV. Old Business

A. Comprehensive Plan Update: Lacy reported that comp plan meetings will be held in June

B. 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 (Lawrence/Culberson) to enter executive session at 8:05pm The Commission came out of executive session as moved by Lawrence/Schuyler at 8:20 pm.

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

Minutes recorded by

Martin Van Hof