

Open Space committee  
Minutes  
Town Hall Hearing Room  
February 7, 2011

Attendees: Jack Mulkeen, Mary Herberich, Rick Bishop, Jack Grebe.  
Absent: Heather McElroy

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

The minutes of the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as distributed.

Old Business :

After reviewing the expenditures of the special Land Bank funds during 2010 and the remaining balance of \$53,197.02, questions arose about the way contracts are awarded for maintenance of Chase Brook Park and the Union Street lot acquired under Land Bank. Jack Mulkeen stated that all work requires 3 bids, which the town handles through George Allaire. Often, only one bid is received. A particular invoice for \$9330 for Chase Brook Park improvements was questioned.

Jack replied that it entailed very major maintenance work.

One concern of the committee was that they are not being informed of these expenditures.. Also, a question was raised about a \$15,235 payment to attorney J. Douglass Murphy in June of 2010. Jack will check this out.

It was pointed out that the committee is not trying to micro-manage the expenditures, but just to be kept informed what has been spent.

Mary Herberich commented that we need to be prudent about spending the rest of the money.

Jack Mulkeen reported on the status of the N-Star property from the C.P.C. meeting last week. He met with Peter Johnson-Staub and Peter will be writing a letter to N-Star in order to bring them to the table for talks. It was pointed out that many things are going on with N-Star, with their being acquired and plans for new power lines onto the Cape and it will be a difficult time to meet with them.

Rick Bishop reported that he will have a report on the bike racks for the next meeting.

Jack Mulkeen reported an appraisal on the Lobster Boat Restaurant would be required if the project moves forward. Comment was made about the environmental issues that Heather McElroy presented at the last meeting.

Rick Bishop commented on the renewed interest in making Parkers River wider, purchasing the adjacent property and widening the Rt. 28 bridge.

Under new business, 31 Aarons Way was discussed along with the options for remediation of the planned expansion of a building on the site, either through money or land swap based on the 2.3 acres involved. Jack Mulkeen stated that any money would go to the CPA open space account. Jack Grebe reminded the group that Heather McElroy would have to recuse herself since the Cape Cod Commission would be involved As a DRI as an expansion over 10,000 feet.

The next meeting will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> due to Jack Mulkeen not being available on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Jack Grebe, Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk