

**January 17, 2012**

### Call to Order

Chairman Allen Reinhard called the monthly meeting to order at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, January 17, in the Garage Area of the Town Building at 2 Fairgrounds Road. In addition to Mr. Reinhard, the following Committee members were present: Nat Lowell, Sylvie O'Donnell, Bert Ryder, Lee Saperstein, John Stackpole and Harvey Young. Also in attendance was Joe Marcklinger.

### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of November 15, 2011. The motion was adopted.

**Sconset Foot Path access takings:** The chairman then introduced Andrew Vorce, Planning Director, to discuss warrant articles regarding the takings of four abutters ways between Baxter Road and the Sconset Foot Path. The committee reviewed the survey plans and articles for each of the ways and endorsed the recommendations of the Planning director as to how each parcel should be utilized. The four ways are: Nosegay Lane (take the entire parcel), Rosaly's Lane (ten foot easement), Fraiser's Lane opposite Emily Street, and an unnamed way between 61 and 63 Baxter Road. A public hearing on these takings has been scheduled for February 22, 2012 during the Board of Selectmen's meeting. These takings will resolve long-standing issues of public access to the historic footpath or promenade and are the result of the work of our Sconset Foot Path Subcommittee working with residents of Sconset and the Planning Director to improve public access.

**CPC Grant Funds to update the Town's Open Space Plan:** Director Vorce then explained the need to update the island's Open Space Plan and how this ties in to the goals of our CPC Open Space grant. At the heart of our grant application was a proposal for development of a Greenway System, essentially tying together Nantucket's conservation and open space lands with a system of pedestrian footpaths. Integrating this Green Way concept in the Town's Open Space Plan could lead to an enhancement of public access throughout the island. The consensus of the committee was to work with Director Vorce to best use our grant funds to assist with the update to the plan. He suggested a first step would be choosing a consultant to advise and help organize the project.

**Sparks Avenue to First Way Footpath:** The chairman then brought attention to a new possibility for improving access from Sparks Avenue to school property and First Way. The newly formed Cemetery Commission, also chaired by Mr. Reinhard, is looking for additional cemetery space to meet the island's immediate needs. A proposal was discussed last week between the chairman and Andrew Vorce, which included the Town taking the three lots between the cemetery and the auto body property. The town has

claimed ownership of these lots since 1912, however no deed exists to prove ownership. A title search was done in 1997 and reached a dead end in New York City with the last known descendants leaving no heirs.

The concept is to use the lots adjacent to the cemetery for additional burial space and a new, safer entrance to the cemetery grounds. The larger adjacent to the garage contains a wetland and abuts Cow Pond and could be transferred to the Land Bank. An improved pedestrian footpath would lead through this area to the schools. The Selectmen will decide tomorrow whether to include this article on the warrant for this year's ATM.

**Town Encroachment Policy Update and Sidewalk Survey Project:** Discussion turned to the suggested draft for an update to the Town's encroachment policy from Joe Marklinger. Reasonable enforcement of regulations was one goal of the policy suggestions. Public safety and public access are the main objectives of these regulations. The idea is to work constructively with property owners to correct encroachment violations on public property that pose a public threat. It was decided that Lee Saperstein and Joe Marklinger would revise the current suggested draft and confer with Kara Buzanowski, DPW Director, regarding a final draft for consideration at our February 21 meeting. Our recommendations will be given to the Town Manager.

Further discussion centered on the role encroachments play in relation to our Sidewalk Survey Project. The work done by the previous Town Road Surfacing Committee and their final report should be reviewed by committee members so we don't repeat work already done. The report can be found at: [http://nantucketma.virtualtownhall.net/Pages/NantucketMA\\_BComm/streetssidewalksfinalreport.pdf](http://nantucketma.virtualtownhall.net/Pages/NantucketMA_BComm/streetssidewalksfinalreport.pdf) One end product of our Sidewalk Survey Project would be a priority list of unsafe or missing sections of sidewalks such as Prospect Street and Quaker Lane, and egregious encroachments that need enforcement action because of the seriousness of the situation created. Included with our list would be recommendations, and, where necessary, specific requests for capital improvement projects for consideration by Town officials.

**Public Way Location Mapping update:** Lee Saperstein presented the list of Public Way Monument locations with photos that he and D. Anne have been working on. It was decided that photos of the monuments showing their location setting should be used including photos of crewmembers installing them, where appropriate, for the historical record. Lee, D. Anne and Joe Marklinger will assemble Google map and GPS locations for the monuments along with photos. Harvey and Allen offered to photograph any monument locations necessary to complete the project for posting on our website.

**Adjournment:** Having reached the end of the agenda and there being no new business to come before the committee, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen Reinhard, Secretary Pro Tem.