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2014 Minutes of the Hinckleys Pond Association Board of Directors

Attendees: Ruth Anderson-Zabre, Mike O'Halloran, Bill Dowling, Harry Powers, Jane Temple, Peter Hollis, Ralph Anderson, Jane Anderson.

Absent: Stan Selkow, Simon Evans.

September 11, 2014 at the home of Ralph and Jane Anderson

Bill Dowling submitted minutes of the HPA Annual Meeting, held on August 23rd. The minutes were accepted as written.

Comments about the annual meeting:

1. The HPA needs everyone's current email, both dues paying members and other interested people. As of this fiscal year, about 15 people have paid dues.
2. The HPA needs on-going recruitment of new members.
3. The HPA needs a more reliable list of events.
4. Notes to Boat Parade Committee
 - Consider having this event earlier in the season so that neighbors get to meet each other before leaving for the summer.
 - Consider a non-holiday weekend.
 - Second week in August or late July. Sunday August 9th or 16th?
 - HARRY POWERS HAS OFFERED TO HOST THE 2015 PARADE, BUT MUST CHECK WITH SALLY!
5. Pond Access Report: Peter Hollis reported on his extensive research on the area designated as public beach on Hinckley's Pond. He has gathered a large file of information. He found a map of the actual beach. Google Earth, assessors' maps and recreation maps show the public beach location. Harwich Chamber of Commerce and Barnstable County both list Hinckleys Pond public beach.
 - He learned from Harwich records that on March 4th, 1968 by a vote of: {yes-528 no-1} the town bought the property with an appropriation of \$9100 for the purpose of providing a public beach [Article 76]. It was also voted {yes-486 no-1} (A 2/3 vote was required) to acquire property as beach parking for the sum of \$4500 [Article 78]. This parcel is shown on the Assessors' Maps as parcel No. P3. This parking area appears on the maps to be separate from the area opposite the General Store that has since been made inaccessible for cars per the Harwich Police.
 - Bathing water quality reports from the Barnstable County Department of Health and Environment indicate weekly testing of the water. It passes. We wonder where exactly this water sampling is done.
 - Handicapped Access: If renovations comprise less than 25% of existing facilities then handicapped access is not required per a news article in the Cape Cod Chronicle quoting Town Administrator Christopher Clark regarding an access situation at Bay View Lane. Peter cited US Government ADA Compliance [1018 Beach Access Routes/ 1019 Conditions for Exemptions /1019.1 General #1. "Compliance is not practicable due to terrain"] with respect to beach access routes: an exception may be allowed when access is not practical due to terrain.

- NOTE: Maps of the Hinckleys Pond Public Beach are attached.

Action items:

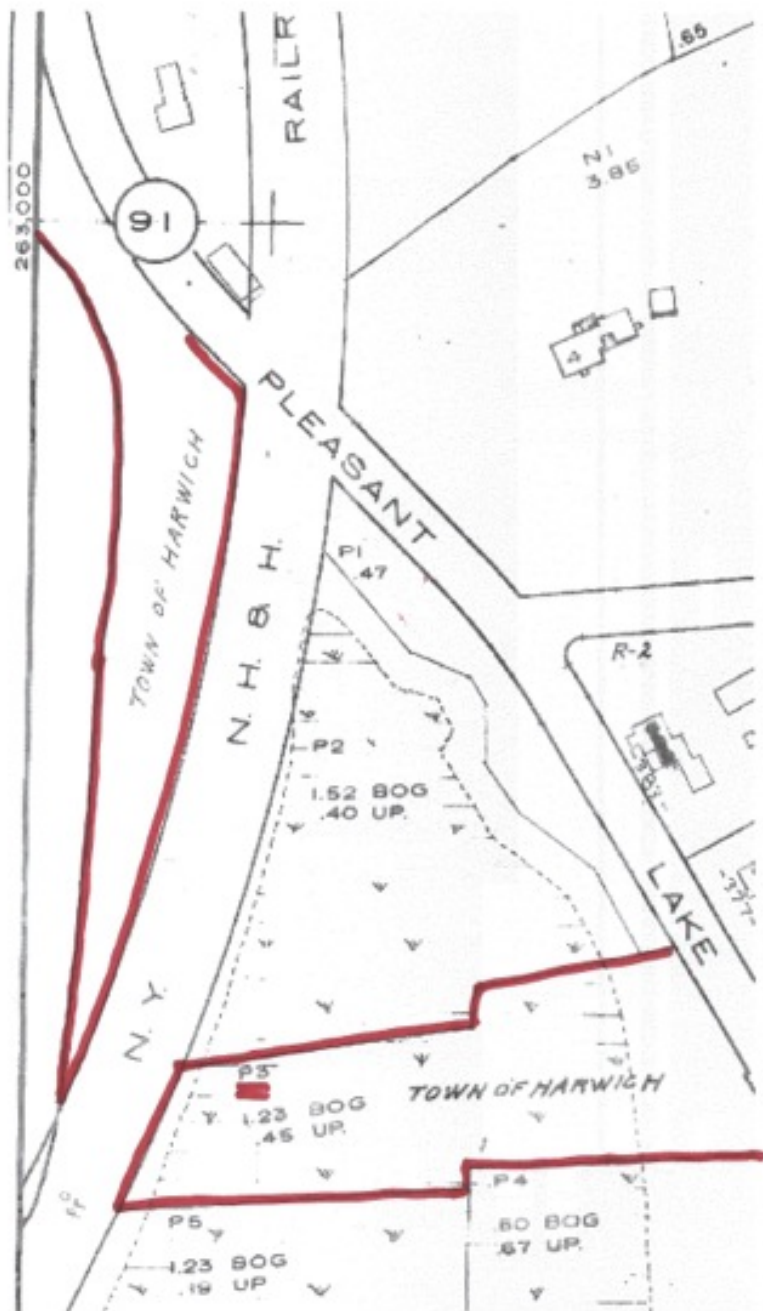
Peter Hollis will contact Linc Hooper and Eric Beebe about improving sight lines.

Mike O'Halloran will contact Bill Crowell to ask if he would help with potential legal issues.

Harry Powers will contact a Boy Scout leader that he knows in Brewster. He will ask if making access would be of interest as a Boy Scout project. He will let Peter know.

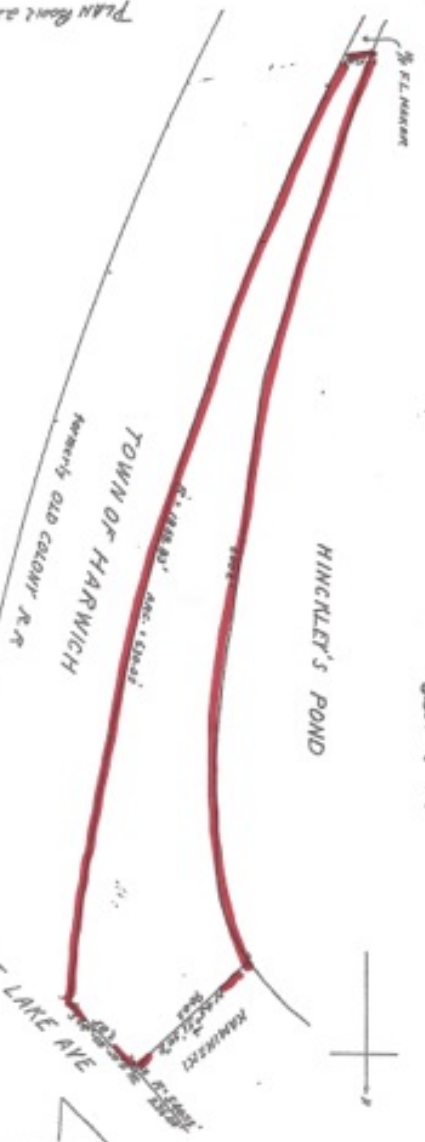
Conservation Commission may need to be involved in any clearing.

6. Grant Proposal Committee: Current members are Stan Selkow and Ruth Anderson-Zabre. We could use a few more. The purpose of the committee is to seek sources of money (about \$500,000) to be used for an alum treatment for Hinckleys Pond in order to prevent algae.
 - Ruth suggested that we might find a college student for whom this would be an appropriate project.
 - Harwich CPC funds might be a source for the money.
 - Full-time residents would be an advantage for this committee.
 - Re-student help: Ruth will contact grant-writing students at UMass Amherst and Ralph will contact Stan Selkow who teaches at a college.
7. Nominating Committee
 - **Harry Powers and Jane Anderson volunteered. There should be a third member of this committee. (Mike offered to advise the committee)**
 - Ralph would like to see new leadership. He has been president for four years.
 - We need a succession plan with staggered term lengths. Mike O'Halloran suggested a way to do this.
 - Nominating Committee should look into changing by-laws to include term lengths. Mike suggested making staggered 3-year terms. So initially we need directors to agree to serve 1,2,3 year terms to get this started.
 - Nominating Committee needs to find both directors and officers. There are currently 9 directors. All the officers are directors. (Ralph Anderson – president, Simon Evans–secretary, Peter Hollis- vice president, Jane Anderson – treasurer)
 - **Ralph** will send list of all dues-paying members and property owners to all directors.
 - **Bill Dowling** offered to help with a free conference calling service that we could use for meetings.



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HINCKLEY'S POND



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TOWN OF HARWICH
 PLAN OF
 HINCKLEY'S POND BEACH
 PLEASANT LAKE AVENUE
 SECTION



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PLEASANT LAKE AVE
 HARBOR OLD CANYON R.R.
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