

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN  
 Assessor's Department  
 Provincetown, Massachusetts

December 20, 1960

To the Honorable Sub-Committee on  
 Interior and Insular Affairs:  
 House Office Building  
 Washington 25, D. C.

At the request of Mr. John C. Snow, Chairman of Selectmen for the Town of Provincetown, I have prepared from the official records of the Town of Provincetown in the Assessor's Department, the following resume of land use in the Town of Provincetown for the year 1960 in order to resolve any questions which may have been raised concerning the same.

Grand Total Number of Acres assessed in the  
 Town of Provincetown for the year 1960 - 1,854 acres

The following number of acres which is included  
 in the 1,854 total assessed acreage, but which  
 is actually land of low value (swamps and lowlands)  
 and Ponds. 1,854 acres

Swamps and lowland	128.16 acres		
Ponds	19.8 "		
	total 147.96	(swamps & ponds)	- 147.96

Proposed land-taking by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the "Pilgrim Springs Park", now privately owned and within the Town of Provincetown, but proposed to be included in the National Seashore Park- -1,136 acres

(Total assessed Real Estate, Land & Buildings located in the proposed taking, based on one-half fair market value- (\$ 29,495.00 )

570.04 acres remaining

A further breakdown of land acreage reveals the fact that of the 570.04 acres of assessable land (after the "Pilgrim Springs Park" taking ), there is approximately 396.42 acres assessed for residential use, with approximately 173.62 acres remaining upland, which could be considered suitable for potential residential use, after proper development and sub-division.

The large tracts involved in the 173.62 acres of remaining upland and which are privately owned, are listed as follows:-

Wood End Development Corporation -	68.27 acres	(upland)	
Developing and Contracting Co. of Cape Cod.-	24.38 "	"	
New York, N.H. & H. R.R. Co.-	34.05 "	"	
Stanley Komich-	14.3 "	"	
Dorothy F. Vitelli	14.52 "	"	
Paul M. Foss	18.1 "	"	

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These large areas apparently are being held by the owners for speculative purposes and have not been sub-divided or become susceptible of sale to prospective individual home-owners.)

Amount of Total Acreage within the Town of Provincetown.

Number of Acres Assessed, year 1960- 1,854 acres

Number of Acres put to public use within the Town for Federal, Commonwealth and Town public use, including Town Landings, Cemeteries, land occupied by public buildings, also charitable, religious and veterans organizations, State Historical Tablets and Memorials. 81.20 acres

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Approximately the Total number of acres as of this date in the Town (this figure includes the 1,136 acres to be taken for the Pilgrim Springs Park) 1,935.20 acres-total

Other data on Land:-

3,290 acres- "Province Lands", owned and controlled by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

311.09 acres- (the total amount of acres the Commonwealth took for Route 6 Highway from the Town (Sept. 1953) (see attached map.)

Although the Land Area of the Town of Provincetown is designated as 8.35 square miles by official Commonwealth figures, actually the Town has approximately 1, 935.20 acres (Assessed acres and those acres put to Public Use.

I certify that the foregoing data and figures are taken from the official records of the Assessor's Department of the Town of Provincetown, and are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John C. Corea  
Clerk, Board of Assessors