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Blairhaven Committee Minutes

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The Blairhaven Committee held a meeting in the Sr. Center Ellison Room on March 29, 2011 at 7 PM. Members present: Pat Loring, Joe Jannetty, Tony Kelso, Mike Barbour, John Brawley, Holly Morris, Joe Messina (Chair), Harbormaster Don Beers (ex officio), Peter Buttkus (ex officio).

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Mr. Brawley moved to approve minutes of March 9, 2011 with revisions, Mr. Kelso seconded, 7 approved.

Property Structures

Mr. Kelso suggested that a baseline inspection be done of the buildings. Mr. Buttkus replied that he has been through the buildings with Mr. Lambiase of Inspectional Services and found the dormitory to be very chopped up; the smaller house appears to be sound. Mr. Messina suggested that the Committee explore use of structures that are acquired under the Community Preservation Act. He added that we need to know the cost of maintaining the buildings. Mr. Kelso raised the question whether the town would have interest in leasing the buildings. Ms. Loring added that this would incur the additional expense of scheduling. Mr. Messina raised concern for the cost of upgrading the building to meet accessibility. Mr. Kelso added that demolition of the dormitory would have to be presented in a demolition hearing.

The Harbormaster suggested that the smaller building would be useful for his Department's use as office space and oversight of the property. He added that the Bay Management Commission could possibly use it for meeting and administrative purposes. The garage would be useful for equipment as the Bluefish River Firehouse is being turned into a museum. Ms. Loring reported that the town has used CPA funds to acquire land with structures; Delano property and Crowell Bogs. The Harbormaster added that it is important to maintain the character and design of the landing as this will limit access. Mr. Brawley and Mr. Barbour concurred that the slope of the landing was important for tidal access. Mr. Buttkus noted that the seawall was in good shape with the exception of a small area near landing, but easily managed. Ms. Loring suggested replacement of stairs to beach.

Conservation Restriction and Property Management Plan

Mr. Messina suggested subcommittees for drafting of CR and Management Plan. Ms. Loring said she would discuss CRs at the next meeting and added that a survey needs to be done of the property, if it hasn't already. Mr. Kelso questioned whether there are management plans for other properties. Ms. Loring added that the Town Green CR covers the management of the property and permitting is through the Selectmen; there is no third document for management.

Per Ms. Loring's suggestion, the Blairhaven Committee will conduct a site visit at Blairhaven on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at 8 AM and will continue its meeting in the Blairhaven dormitory. Mr. Brawley moved to adjourn at 8:25, Mr. Jannetty seconded, 7 approved.