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Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

Minutes of May 22, 2014

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Thursday, May 22, 2014 at 8:00 AM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

Members Present: Holly Morris, Cynthia Ladd Fiorini; Tony Kelso; Kathy Palmer; Sarianna Seewald, Terry Vose

Members Absent: Jim Borghesani

Staff Present: Joe Grady, Conservation Administrator; Susan Ossoff, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holly Morris at 8:05 AM.

Meeting Calendar

The schedule of CPC meetings for July-December of 2014 was distributed.

New/Other Business

Holly Morris reported that Jim Borghesani of the Housing Authority has been appointed as the Housing representative to CPC.

Open Space Plan

The Open Space Plan is due to be updated. Organizational work towards getting this started is underway. Joe Grady is working with Bridgewater State University towards posting positions to hopefully hire intern(s) to help with this project.

Holly Morris explained that although it is an Open Space plan, that she feels CPC should weigh in on the revision of the plan. For example, additional land can't be acquired without an Open Space plan on file. She discussed the development of the new survey for the plan, and different ways it might be distributed. The goals and objectives from the 2008 plan should be reviewed.

Kathy Palmer mentioned that the Open Space Committee has adjourned for the summer. Cynthia Ladd Fiorini said the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee has hired a consultant to help with the zoning bylaw review. The need for an updated Comprehensive Plan was discussed.

The #1 goal in the 2003 plan was protection of groundwater and aquifers; in 2008 this had shifted to protection of the natural environment. Tony Kelso commented that the change in support for CPA may reflect yet another shift. Kathy Palmer discussed the need to re-engage the community more in Open Space.

Holly Morris encouraged CPC members to review the distributed sections of the Open Space plan; the input from various boards is necessary to develop a good plan. Joe Grady clarified that the Community Preservation Act says that the CPC needs to have a plan, and CPC uses the Housing, Comprehensive, and Open Space plans to guide CPC's actions.

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The mission of the Town of Duxbury is to deliver excellent services to the community in the most fiscally responsible and innovative manner while endeavoring to broaden our sense of community and preserve the unique character of our town.

Tony Kelso mentioned the Battelle property, and its new use should be reflected in the Open Space and Comprehensive plans.

Joe Grady reported that the timeline is to get some task lists together, and plan to start working on the Open Space plan in September. A draft of the questionnaire will be sent to CPC for review.

New/Other Business

Holly Morris was contacted regarding a project for restoration work on the Bradford House. Holly explained the difficulties associated with this, and encouraged the use of matching funds and emphasized the need to show public benefit. Terry Vose pointed out that the house was in a historic district.

Kathy Palmer wondered if there is a way for CPC to register stronger support for some projects than for others; whether there are ways to distinguish things that are strongly favored by the Committee versus those that meet the criteria but do not have particularly strong support. CPC has allowed the voters to decide at Town Meeting which projects to fund.

Kathy Palmer asked how the Red Barn tear-down was initiated and who funded it. She also was interested in whether any of the wood was saved. Terry Vose said he would look into this further. Joe Grady said the building was dangerous and needed to be torn down.

Administrative Matters

Minutes

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Terry Vose, the minutes of April 24 were approved with a vote of 5-0-1, with Holly Morris abstaining.

Bill Payment

Amory Engineering Services (Keene's Mill Dam)

On a motion by Terry Vose, seconded by Kathy Palmer, it was unanimously voted (6-0) to pay Invoice #14117 dated April 18, 2014 for \$900.

Alpha Surveying and Engineering (Koplovsky)

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Kathy Palmer, it was unanimously voted (6-0) to pay Invoice #5840 dated May 1, 2014 for \$430.

LDS (Housing Production Plan)

On a motion by Tony Kelso, seconded by Terry Vose, it was unanimously voted (6-0) to pay an Invoice dated April 25, 2014 for \$1,100.

Money Transfer

At the March 27 meeting, the Committee voted to transfer \$47,000 voted as Article 23 of the 2013 annual Town Meeting to the Conservation Fund. The dollar value should have been \$100,000. On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Terry Vose, it was unanimously voted 6-0-0 to rescind the vote of March 27 transferring \$47,000 voted as Article 23 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting to the Conservation Fund.

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Terry Vose, it was unanimously voted 6-0-0 to transfer \$100,000 voted as Article 23 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting to the Conservation Fund as voted at Town Meeting.

Tony Kelso suggested that there be a review of the budgets of outstanding projects as an end of the fiscal year summary; Holly and Joe will work with Claudette to get this information together. Updating the list of open projects was also suggested.

The next meeting will be June 12.

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Kathy Palmer, it was unanimously voted 6-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Ossoff