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Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

Minutes of June 12, 2014

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 8:00 AM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

Members Present: Holly Morris, Jim Borghesani, Cynthia Ladd Fiorini; Tony Kelso; Kathy Palmer, Sarianna Seewald (arrived 8:40)

Members Absent: Terry Vose

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

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

Open Project Updates

Joe Grady updated the Committee about the Fish Ladder project; herring are returning and climbing the ladder. For 5 years, working with the State, the area was re-stocked; now the herring are returning. This project was funded by CPC and a number of other sources.

An application to Dam Safety is underway for the Keene's Mill project; this is a collaborative effort with Camp Wing who owns one side of the dam.

The Planned Production Plan is complete. The Feinberg Bog development, which includes low and moderate income housing being built by the town, is moving forward.

Tony Kelso asked about the Grange; Joe Grady said he believes there are septic design plans in preparation and later an RFP for the building design will be prepared.

Holly Morris asked Jim Borghesani about the Housing Authority. Jim explained the Duxbury Housing Authority is a quasi-state agency that received state and federal funding and runs the affordable housing units. The Housing Trust has no overlap with the Housing Authority.

Open Space Plan

Kathy Palmer said in the Objectives and Goals for the 2008 Open Space Plan, the top priority listed was water. A representative from the Water Advisory Board told the Open Space Committee that Duxbury has plenty of water; the restrictions that are imposed are due to state-wide restrictions. Holly Morris added that Duxbury has a good aquifer, but redundancy is important so if one well is shut down or affected that there are other wells that can provide water, as happened when MTBE shut down one well and it required time to restore it to use.

Holly Morris reported that Mr. White from Bow Street had called to express his opposition to the proposed 40B project and asked if CPC could purchase the land; Holly reviewed the history with him. The value of the land was questioned and whether nearby residents could purchase it. Joe Grady suggested that once a permit is issued, and the number of housing units known, a value could be assigned to the land.

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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.

Cynthia Ladd Fiorini said the Goals and Objectives and the Five-Year Review from the 2008 Open Space plan should be distributed to Committees over the summer and comments/updates reported back to CPC. Kathy Palmer suggested that the topic of sustainability be added as a topic, for example the actions of the beach committee to save the beach.

Sarianna Seewald asked what the role of at-large members is in the review; it was suggested that the at-large members look at the plan for themselves and offer their own feedback.

New Business

Tony Kelso asked if an update on the account balances could be provided. Joe Grady said he is working on identifying which projects can be closed out and will have information about that for the next meeting. Holly Morris said generally in July or August a financial update is provided to the CPC.

Holly Morris reminded the Committee that the next Fiscal Year will begin July 1 and it will be time to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming year.

Administrative Matters

Minutes: On a motion by Tony Kelso, seconded by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, the minutes of May 22, 2014 were unanimously approved by a vote of 6-0-0.

Shipbuilders' signs: Terry Vose (not present) had an updated quote for making six 1-sided signs instead of three 2-sided signs; this will work better in terms of installation. The price for this is \$1333.50. On a motion by Sarianna Seewald, seconded by Kathy Palmer, it was unanimously voted 6-0-0 to approve \$1333.50 from Administrative Funds for the Shipbuilder's signs.

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, second by Sarianna Seewald, it was unanimously voted 6-0-0 to rescind the vote of April 24, 2014 that approved \$1131.45 for the Shipbuilders' Signs.

The next scheduled meeting is June 26.

On a motion by Kathy Palmer, seconded Tony Kelso, it was unanimously voted 6-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Ossoff