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Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

Minutes of February 5, 2015

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 8:10 AM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

Members Present: Holly Morris, Chair; Jim Borghesani (leaves at 9:30); Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, Tony Kelso, Kathy Palmer, Terry Vose (leaves at 9:30)

Members Absent: Sarianna Seewald

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holly Morris at 8:10 am.

Chairman's Report

Holly Morris informed the Committee that the two housing projects (CPC project numbers 2015-05 and CPC 2015-06) have been withdrawn by the applicant. Last week members of CPC and applicants met with the Finance Committee and the Fiscal Advisory Committee to discuss the articles. Holly Morris advised the Committee that she will be out of Town for the first day of Town Meeting but will return in time for Monday night; Jim Borghesani volunteered to speak for CPC at the Saturday Town Meeting.

She also explained that Town Counsel has recommended that the CPC vote whether they support the article or not. Historically, CPC voted whether to recommend the article met the requirements of CPA and therefore should be recommended to the Town Meeting warrant or not. Given this new recommendation by Town Counsel, CPC will have a discussion about how this will work: it seems like there are two votes, one as to whether the project meets the basic criteria of the CPA and should be included on the warrant, and a subsequent vote as to whether the CPC recommends Town Meeting support of the article.

Tree Bylaw

Kathy Cross and Laurie Hall presented a summary of the proposed Tree Bylaw. Committee members asked questions about who sets fees and fines and who would enforce the Bylaw. At the end Holly said CPC does not vote support or nonsupport for Town Meeting articles that are not CPC related.

FY2015 Proposed Projects

Cemetery Fence Restoration: Patricia Pappas was present to address some questions that came up during the meeting with the Finance Committee and the Fiscal Advisory Committee. She sees this project as historical preservation and not maintenance, and explained the maintenance funds they do have. Tony Kelso said that other Towns have restored cemetery fencing with CPC money.

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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.

On a motion by Terry Vose, seconded by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, the CPC voted to recommend the Cemetery Fence Restoration project for a cost of \$6,240 by a vote of 6-0-0.

Bradford House Assessment: Erin McGough from the Rural and Historical Society can to address questions raised at the meeting with the Finance Committee and Fiscal Advisory Committee about this project. She said the Society has a commitment to preserve and keep this building, and this assessment is important to develop a plan for its restoration and preservation. The distinction between restoration and maintenance is important in terms of a project qualifying for CPC funds. Kathy Palmer expressed that the house is not as important historically as the Alden House and is not particularly special. Other CPC members did not share this opinion.

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Jim Borgehsani, the CPC voted to recommend the Bradford House Assessment project for a cost of \$23,900 by a vote of 5-1-0.

Alden House Assessment: Matthew Vigneau addressed the Finance Committee's concerns that this project is a maintenance project. He said the house itself is part of the collection, and work on the house is considered preservation. Within 6 months he hopes to develop a strategic plan with the priority to be the preservation of the house. To do the work identified in the assessment there will be fundraising activities.

On a motion by Kathy Palmer, seconded by Terry Vose, the CPC voted to recommend the Alden House Assessment project for a cost of \$7,500 by a vote of 6-0-0.

Myles Standish Homestead Project: On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Kathy Palmer, the CPC voted to recommend the Myles Standish Homestead project for a cost of \$32,530 by a vote of 6-0-0.

Merry Land Acquisition: On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Tony Kelso, the CPC voted to recommend the Merry Land Acquisition project for a cost of \$1,980,000 by a vote of 6-0-0.

Duxbury Bay Signage: On a motion by Jim Borgehsani, seconded by Kathy Palmer, the CPC voted to recommend the Duxbury Bay Signage project for a cost of \$18,000 by a vote of 6-0-0.

Administrative Matters

MINUTES:

January 22, 2015: On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Tony Kelso, the minutes of January 22, 2015 were approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

Adjournment: On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Kathy Palmer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 in the Mural Room.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Ossoff