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## Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

### Minutes of May 14, 2015

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 8:00 AM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Holly Morris, Chair; Jim Borghesani; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini; Tony Kelso; Kathy Palmer' Terry Vose

**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 8:03 am.

#### Citizen Input

Susan Curtis of 110 High Street came to discuss CPC and updating the Comprehensive Plan. She feels it is important to update this plan. The updating of the Open Space and Recreation Plan that is currently being done was discussed. The importance of looking at possible build-out was discussed. Tony Kelso said he thinks a skilled consultant is needed to update this plan; the cost to do this in other towns has been quite high. Joe Grady said the CPA requires studies be done to guide decisions; they have used the Comprehensive Plan, the Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Housing Plan. He said it's important to reach out to the community to get feedback about their priorities. The Comprehensive Plan is related to zoning and business districts and could cost over \$100,000 to do it correctly. With the decrease in CPA funding in Duxbury it is more difficult for CPC to help fund this.

Cynthia Ladd Fiorini commented that given a potential cost of over \$100,000 for having a consultant update the plan, it is important to evaluate if useful information will be obtained and if the nature of the community has significantly changed since the last plan. Holly Morris commented on the need to evaluate housing demand changes as the population ages.

Susan Curtis says she feels the old plan no longer reflects the Town's nature, and taxes are high forcing people to leave, and she is hoping there will be planning to that people are able to stay in town.

#### Open Projects Update

Joe Grady reported that the Merry land acquisition project is moving forward. Survey plans for all of the properties will be required; the current projected date for closing is July 8. However because the funds from the article are not available until July 1, the date to pass papers will likely be delayed. The Keene's mill foundation project is moving forward.

For Housing projects, the Grange housing will be built by Habitat for Humanity. Blairhaven is moving forward slowly. The Jones River association is going to hold the Conservation Restriction but there are details to be worked out.

Kathy Palmer reported that the Open Space Committee did an inspection of some land on the border with Kingston that is accessed through Kingston; the Town holds the CR for this property.

### **Administrative Matters**

#### **INVOICES**

**Seacoast Engineering:** On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Terry Vose, it was voted 6-0-0 to pay an invoice for \$1800 from Seacoast Engineering for design of the septic system at 153-159 Franklin Street.

**Diane Bartlett:** Invoices for the recording fee for the Grange tile and for mileage charges to the Registry of Deeds were submitted for payment. Holly Morris was concerned about setting a precedent because none of the volunteers on CPC projects get mileage reimbursement, and in addition there is no language in the article allowing for mileage reimbursement.

On a motion by Terry Vose, seconded by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, it was voted 6-0-0 to approve reimbursement of \$77.00 to Diane Bartlett for the Grange recording fees.

On a motion by Kathy Palmer, seconded by Terry Vose, it was voted 6-0-0 to NOT APPROVE the \$10.08 reimbursement request by Diane Bartlett for mileage to the registry.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The May 28 meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting will be June 11. Upcoming meeting dates will be June 11, July 9, and no meeting in August. A draft meeting schedule will be drafted.

On a motion by Kathy Palmer, seconded by Terry Vose, it was voted 6-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Ossoff