

# Town of Duxbury DUXBURY, MASS. Community Preservation Committee

## Minutes of November 25, 2015

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Thursday, November 25, 2015 at 8:32 AM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

Members Present: Holly Morris, Chair; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini; Tony Kelso; Kathy Palmer;

Sarianna Seewald

Members Absent: Jim Borghesani; Terry Vose

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holly Morris at 8:32 am.

# **OPEN PROJECTS UPDATE**

A copy of the Playground Study report prepared by Gale Associates is available in the Conservation Office for review.

## **NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

#### 2016 CPC PROJECT REQUESTS

## **Town Clerk: Binding of Permanent Records**

Kathy Palmer said the records to be bound are in boxes, and discussed the project's eligibility for CPA funding. Tony Kelso said other towns use CPC funds for records preservation, both to digitize and bind them, so there is precedent for doing this using CPA funds. The records are now bound on an ongoing basis, this is to address certain years that were not bound and need to be.

On a motion by Tony Kelso, seconded by Kathy Palmer it was voted 5-0-0 to approve the Town Clerk's project to go on the Town Meeting warrant for \$2000 to bind permanent records in the Town Clerk's office using funds from the Historic Preservation reserve.

#### Sidewalk and Bike Path Committee: Recreational Path

Holly Morris reported that the Sidewalk and Bike Path Committee has withdrawn this request. There is an ongoing legal case in Norwell about use of CPC funds for these types of projects and they want to wait to see the outcome before pursuing this project.

## Joe Grady: Merry Property Expenses Additional Funding

Joe Grady explained the need for additional funding for the Merry purchase. He estimates the funding needed as \$108,000., including \$53,000 in legal bills, and \$39,000 for bounds at more than 80 locations along private property boundaries, \$31,000 in Conservation Restriction stewardship fees, and \$8500 for a farm advisor. This totals \$131,500, and with \$24,355 left in

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last year's Town meeting article, the required additional funding is \$107,145. The total associated costs with the purchase will be about \$210,000 when the project is over on a 1.9 million dollar purchase, which is about 10%. This project was 17 parcels and 277 acres. There will be 85-88 bounds set for boundaries with private property; none will be put in where the Merry property abuts Audubon or Conservation land. With multiple parcels there were many costs – for instance more than \$12,000 in Title exam fees, and Mr. Merry died during the process which resulted in delays. This article is to be placed on the Special Town Meeting warrant as it is for FY16 costs.

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Tony Kelso, it was voted 5-0-0 to approve Joe Grady's additional Merry land purchase funding to go on the Special Town Meeting warrant for \$108,000 from undesignated funds.

## Other CPC Funding

Holly Morris said the 10-10-10% funding for the 3 funding reserves (Open Space, Historic Preservation, and Affordable Housing) should be about \$59,497 each. The 5% for Administrative costs will be \$29,749 for salaries and other expenses.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

#### Minutes:

On a motion by Sarianna Seewald, seconded by Tony Kelso, it was voted 6-0-0 to approve the minutes of September 24 as written.

## Invoices:

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Tony Kelso, it was voted 6-0-0 to approve payment of Anderson Kreiger Invoice #114687 in the amount of \$515 for legal fees related to preparation of the Blairhaven Conservation Restriction. On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Tony Kelso, it was unanimously voted to approve payment of Anderson Kreiger Invoice #114375 in the amount of \$64 for legal fees related to preparation of the Blairhaven Conservation Restriction

### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting is December 10.

## **ADJOURN**

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Tony Kelso, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Ossoff

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