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# Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

## Minutes of November 10, 2016

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Thursday, November 03, 2016 at 8:15 AM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Holly Morris; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini; Tony Kelso; Kathy Palmer; Terry Vose

**Members Absent:** Sarianna Seewald (currently 6 members)

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Holly Morris at 8:20 am.

Holly Morris informed the Committee that Jim Borghesani has officially resigned and Holly has spoken to the Housing Authority and at this time nobody else is interested in serving as the Housing Representative to the CPC. The idea of amending the bylaw to allow the Housing Authority to designate a representative rather than requiring a member of the Housing Authority be a representative was discussed.

### OPEN PROJECT UPDATES

Terry Vose reported that progress continues on the nominations to the National Register project. On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Tony Kelso, it was voted 5-0-0 to approve payment of \$5000 to Wendy Frontiero Invoice #2 for the Cove Street District work.

### 2017 PROPOSED PROJECTS: CONTINUING EVALUATION

#### Standish Cemetery Project

Patricia Pappas and Bob Hayes representing the Standish Cemetery project reviewed the project which is new signage, stone work repair, fencing, and tree removal. As part of the stone work the Chestnut Street entrance will be improved and a second entrance off Pilgrim Byway will be created for pedestrians access only. For the fencing, split rail fencing has a life of 10 to 15 years and rails get stolen and deteriorate. To fence with 3-rail split rail would be \$21,000. Their preferred choice of granite and iron is permanent and requires little maintenance and would cost \$85,000. Holly Morris is concerned with putting up modern fencing at a Puritan cemetery, and also thinks it is costly. Kathy Palmer feels that split rail is more in keeping with a Puritan cemetery. Cynthia Ladd Fiorini asked how much security the fencing offers and Bob Hayes said it does not offer a lot of security.

Bob Hayes said there are several large pine trees in the middle of the cemetery that are about 100 years old. Two were taken down last year because they were damaged and there are about 10 more they want to take down; the roots are invasive and create a

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problem for walkers, the needles are acidic and harmful to the stones, and the trees are a safety risk to the irreplaceable gravestones. The request is only for trees that the DPW can't take down safely, other trees can be done by DPW. A total of 32 trees will be taken down. There was confusion about the number of trees to be removed and the location of the 10 trees that are part of the CPC project request. Holly Morris asked if Peter Butkus has gone to the site to evaluate the trees as requested at the last meeting; he has not. Peter is reportedly concerned with impacts to the neighborhood and about disrupting the sight and sound barrier the trees provide. Holly Morris suggested that a plan be prepared identifying the trees that are proposed to be taken down, and that Peter Butkus provides input about the work. Tony Kelso suggested the plan be color coded and show trees to be removed with CPA funding and trees to be removed by the town in different colors. Cynthia Ladd Fiorini added that Peter Butkus' letter should address all 32 trees, not just the 10 that are part of the project. Holly Morris asked that the tree plan be gotten to her quickly.

### **Conservation Fund Replenishment**

Cynthia Ladd Fiorini reported that in the late 1970's about \$25,000 per year was put in the Conservation Fund, but this stopped in the 80's with Proposition 2 ½. In 1987 an additional \$100,000 was added. In 2003 funding was shifted to CPA and funding has been approved by Town Meeting a number of times. The money is used to help with evaluating and acquiring land and for maintaining the town's conservation land. Cynthia Ladd Fiorini said this project meets the General Criteria and the Open Space Criteria for CPC projects.

On a motion by Tony Kelso, seconded by Terry Vose, it was voted 5-0-0 to approve and recommend the Conservation Fund replenishment project to the 2017 Town meeting in the amount of \$100,000.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**Minutes:** On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Terry Vose, it was voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes of October 13, 2016 as written.

### **ADJOURN**

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Terry Vose, it was voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 am.