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Town of Duxbury Conservation Commission

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Minutes of November 3, 2015

The Conservation Commission met on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

Members Present: Chairman Corey Wisneski; Sam Butcher; Robb D'Ambruoso; Dianne Hearn; Holly Morris;

Members Absent: John Brawley; Tom Gill

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

PUBLIC MEETING; FAIRBANK; 109 ABRAMS HILL; REMOVE BRUSH, BUSHES, AND SMALL TREES AND ONE LARGE TREE

Toby Fairbanks, property owner, is requesting permission to clear the woods of scrub and small trees and one large tree that is intertwined with another tree. Joe Grady reported that he went to the site, that it is mostly brush to be cleared along with some pruning and removal of dead oaks on the ground. Corey Wisneski asked about increased erosion if the brush is removed; Joe Grady feels the leaf litter will adequately hold the soil. Joe Grady said the proposed work is to remove brush by hand, the large logs will be removed by a cable and winch to a chipper and no machines will be allowed on the hill.

Laurie Hall of Abrams Hill asked if the larger oak trees will remain standing; there is no plan to remove any of the larger trees with the exception of the one intertwined with another tree.

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Dianne Hearn, it was voted 5-0-0 to issue a Negative Determination such that a Notice of Intent is not required for the proposed work as shown on the plan filed with the RDA at 109 Abrams Hill.

DUXBURY WETLANDS REGULATIONS AND POLICIES CONTINUING REVIEW

The Commissioners discussed some proposed changes to Part II of the Wetlands Regulations; these will be further discussed at a later meeting and all proposed changes will be detailed for review by the Commissioners and the public.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

SE18-769; 67 Tanglewood Trail: Joe Grady has inspected the property, the required documentation has been submitted, the project conforms to the Orders of Conditions and

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he recommends Certificates of Compliance be issued. On a motion by Robb D'Ambruoso, seconded by Holly Morris, it was voted 5-0-0 to issue Certificates of Compliance for SE18-769, 67 Tanglewood Trail.

MINUTES:

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Holly Morris, it was voted 5-0-0 to approve the minutes of **September 15, 2015**.

On a motion by Holly Morris, seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted 5-0-0 to approve but not release the Executive Session minutes of **September 15, 2015**.

CONSERVATION FUND

This is an invoice from FY 2015 for waste disposal services for the Mutt Mitt dog waste program. The Commission approved funds for FY 2015 to pay for this service after which it will be paid through the DPW budget; the program was enlarged so the disposal costs were higher than budgeted. On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Holly Morris, it was voted 5-0-0 to approve an additional \$1000 from the Conservation Fund for the Waitkus Disposal Services Invoice for FY 2015.

EXTENSION REQUEST, SE18-1198; DUXBURY BEACH RESERVATION, INC.

Joe Grady explained this request is for a 3-year extension for Orders of Conditions for SE18-1198. Additionally the Beach Reservation has requested a waiver from the \$75 fee for extensions. Later this year the Beach Reservation will provide their yearly update of the management plan and bring proposed revisions to the Commission.

On a motion by Sam Butcher, seconded by Dianne Hearn, it was voted 5-0-0 to grant an extension to the Orders of Conditions for SE18-1198; Duxbury Beach Reservation.

On a motion by Dianne Hearn seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted 5-0-0 to waive the \$75 filing fee for the extension for this nonprofit organization.

WEBSTER POINT CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

Joe Grady said that there is a request that the Town purchase a Conservation Restriction (CR) for 2.1 million dollars for an area determined to be endangered species habitat at the Webster Point development, a proposed 40B development. Mr. Grady explained that typically, a third party gets paid to do the monitoring for a CR, but in this case they have asked that the third party pay a fee. The Conservation Commission is not authorized to commit the Town to paying a fee without a Town Meeting vote. This area proposed for the restriction will be difficult to monitor and it will be very hard to monitor the restriction because it is in very close proximity to the buildings. Normally the Conservation Commission considers CRs that are for natural resource areas of interest which this area is not. For these reasons, Joe Grady recommends that Commission not accept the proposed CR.

On a motion by Rob D'Ambruoso, seconded by Sam Butcher, it was voted 5-0-0 not to accept the CR for Webster Point.

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Adjournment: On a motion by Sam Butcher, second by Dianne Hearn, it was voted 5-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm.

MATERIALS REVIEWED AT THE MEETING

RDA Materials for 109 Abrams Hill

Proposed Conservation Restriction for Webster Point

Draft minutes of September 15, 2015