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Members Present: Harry Hibbard, Chair; Steve White, Steve Flynn, Jean Paquin

Members Absent: Joseph Duffy; Nate Peyton; Jason McCann

Staff Present: Sarah Clarren, Acting Director of Community Development & Planning

7:30 p.m. H. Hibbard called the meeting to order

Minutes

The board approved the following minutes:

Motion	Paquin	Motion to approve minutes of July 28, 2016, joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen.
Second	Flynn	
Vote	Unanimous	

Motion	Paquin	Motion to approve minutes of July 21, 2016.
Second	Flynn	
Vote	Unanimous	

Nantasket Beach Overlay District - Next steps

Hibbard said that one of the issues that the board will focus on in upcoming meetings is the Nantasket Beach Overlay District (NBOD) guidance form. This is a checklist or template/guidance sheet intended to help the board in its decisions for cases related to the NBOD. Paquin explained that in addition to providing guidance for the board, it will create a process that is friendlier and easier for applicants. Flynn noted that because the overlay district is new, it presents different challenges. These discussions will continue when other members are present.

Community Preservation Act - Next steps

Hibbard said that preparing for the upcoming vote on the Community Preservation Act will be front and center at the board's next meeting. Paquin said that the Community Preservation Coalition is willing to help in this process. She pointed out that the board can disseminate information and endorse the CPA. It cannot express an opinion on whether people should vote for it.

The vote will be on the November ballot. Hibbard will forward Duffy's memo about the limits of the board's actions to White and Clarren.

Hiring of Director of Planning and Community Development – Update

Paquin provided an update on the search for a new Director of Planning and Community Development as she is the board's representative to the search committee. She said that she, Town Manager Phillip Lemnios, and Selectman Jennifer Constable had met to review the applications. Interviews have been set up for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 with four candidates. She noted that she did not have the resumes of the applicants, per Lemnios' request, in order to protect their privacy. She has their names, but will check with Lemnios as to whether it would be permissible to provide them to the board.

White asked if there was a grant-writing component to the job and wondered if the town was missing some grant opportunities because work on these is compartmentalized by department. Paquin said that this was on her list of things to look for in the applicants. She said that the town could use someone whose sole job was to write grants. White said that the state consolidates all of the grants across departments on one page. Flynn said that perhaps the town could explore hiring someone who was retired and experienced in grant writing. Paquin will report back at the board's next meeting.

New Business

Paquin said that it had occurred to her that they 7 Bay Street was supposed to construct a park in between their land and the water. This was to be a passive park on town-owned land as shown on the landscape plan. Paquin said that there was a question as to whether this was approved. Hibbard noted that the bank probably owns that land now. Flynn said that the property was in foreclosure. The board decided to get information from Building Commissioner Peter Lombardo.

In addition, Paquin brought up the sign on the bayside HRA property, which states that the Leeber Tierney pavilion is to be constructed at that location. She said that she has received calls from people asking for information on this and that she has reached out to Dennis Zaia of the HRA, who explained that the authority has agreed to accept a donation for the building of the gazebo, and that it will draft a summary statement for its website. Flynn pointed out that there is a memorial gazebo at Mariner's Park and it is very rarely used. Hibbard asked if the HRA means to send out an RFP exempting that part of the property from development. Flynn noted that the HRA owns the land. Hibbard stated that there is nothing that the board can do other than try to get input into the process and that the authority is not subject to the political process other than that the town votes to appoint the its members. Paquin noted that it is a totally autonomous group. She said that in her conversation with Lemnios he stated that the naming of something in the community is a very important matter. White added that other families might want to donate money and that the HRA has a duty to the town to make the process open and transparent within reason. Hibbard asked if the board should be monitoring the HRA and said that they should talk with Jennifer Constable about the Planning Board's role in this.

At 8:20p.m. the Board voted unanimously to adjourn, on a motion by Paquin, seconded by White.

Minutes approved: _____

Date: _____

The following documents were submitted and are part of the official records:

- Planning Board agenda for 8/10/16
- Meeting minutes for 7/21/16 and 7/28/16