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TOWN CLERK

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Present: Amy M. MacNab, Chair; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, Clerk; Michael McGee; and Theodore J. Flynn (via remote)

Absent: Fernando Guitart, Vice Chair

Others: René J. Read, Town Manager; Nancy O'Connor, Executive Assistant and Michelle Seda-Stotts, Administrative Assistant to Town Manager and Board of Selectmen

CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Ms. MacNab at approximately 7:05 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **6:15pm EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Ms. MacNab stated that the Executive Session was postponed due to the DAHT and Grady Consulting, LLC not being available to present.
- IV. **OPEN FORUM** Nothing presented
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**

7:05pm PUBLIC HEARING regarding 6 Kingstown Way – Ms. MacNab stated that the Hearing would be rescheduled to a later date. Ms. MacNab continued with new business.

Declaration of Surplus Property – Harbormaster Vessel

Mr. Read explained, Jake Emerson, Harbormaster is requesting that the following boat be declared as surplus in order to go to public auction. The 2000 18' ARC Inflatable vessel and trailer have been taken out of service and replaced with a 21' Carolina Skiff and Load Rite trailer.

Ms. MacNab inquired about the bidding process. Mr. Read explained it would be done Online thru an auction website. Ms. MacNab clarified that the vessel had been stripped of its engine and several other usable parts.

Ms. Ladd-Fiorini moved to declare as surplus the following Harbormaster vessel: 2000 18' ARC Inflatable vessel and trailer in order to allow these items to be disposed of, sold, auctioned or donated, all in accordance with M.G.L. c.30b and the Town's rules and regulations, with proceeds to go to the General Fund.

Seconded by Mr. McGee

Roll Call: Ms. MacNab-aye, Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye, Mr. McGee-aye, and Mr. Flynn-aye

Discussion re: Duxbury For All Steering Committee – Letter to Selectmen regarding Afghan Refugees.

Ms. Ladd Fiorini read the letter:

Dear Duxbury Select Board Members:

For over 20 years, brave men and women fought in Afghanistan. From the very start they were supported by an extraordinary Afghan-American woman and South Shore resident—Razia Jan—who collected shoes for US Soldiers and Airmen to distribute to children and so build goodwill between them and the people of Afghanistan. Operation Shoe Fly was the first of many selfless acts by Razia, who believed that her native country—especially its women—deserved the freedom and opportunity she found in the U.S. The school for girls she built outside Kabul, whose motto is “Diplomas not Dowries,” earned her a CNN Top 10 hero award in 2012. Since its founding it has been a beacon of hope for hundreds of Afghan girls.

The collapse of the Afghan government has led to the return of the Taliban. Tens of thousands of Afghans believing in democracy—like Razia—provided crucial aid to American troops. They are now in grave danger. Hopefully, the Biden administration will rescue them, and many will find refuge here in the country they supported.

Governor Baker has already announced that Massachusetts will accept refugees from Afghanistan. As a community committed to diversity, equity & inclusion, we believe that Duxbury should join Governor Baker and provide aid to these refugees, including opening our doors to families who seek shelter here. Our community stepped forward and helped Razia raise money to build her school, and over the past 12 years, scores of local families have sponsored girls who could not afford to attend on their own. Like the girls of Razia’s school, the refugees who are coming to America are not strangers—they are our friends and our *allies*. What better way to honor their heroism and the work of our local hero, Razia Jan, than to welcome them here into our community?

We urge you to contact state and non-profit organizations that work with refugees to determine what Duxbury can do to support Afghan refugees in Massachusetts. Duxbury for All will do everything we can to help you and resettlement agencies in providing aid and comfort to those who seek asylum here.

The Rev. Catherine Cullen
Tara Downes
Elika Dadsetan-Foley
Maarten Hemsley
Karl Kunz
Fred L’Ecuyer
Laura Neprud
Bruce Rutter
Karen Wong

Ms. MacNab said the letter was well received and asked if they had any other comments. Mr. Hemsley added to the letter that Duxbury For All supports Governor Baker's efforts to have Massachusetts accept refugees and would like the town to do the same. Ms. Ladd Fiorini inquired as to what they would like to see from the Selectmen. Rev. Dr. Cullen commented that she would like to see if the Selectmen would form an exploratory committee lead by the Interfaith Council, Duxbury for All Steering Committee and the Board of Selectmen, to contact the state and international resettlement agencies. Ms. Ladd Fiorini agreed to work with representatives of DFA and the Interfaith Council, in order to move quickly to research the issues and offer aid. Mr. Read also commented, stating the State is equipped to handle this situation and they should seek further guidance from them. Ms. MacNab stated that if the committee where to write a letter the Board of Selectmen would show their support by signing it. Ms. MacNab thanked them for their noble endeavor.

Discussion Re: Safety concerns at site of former Plymouth/Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant

Ms. Lampert began her presentation by saying there are many things that concern her about the Power Plant but she will address these two: the first is Corrosion; the second is Security. At Pilgrim the spent nuclear fuel is being moved into 63 dry casks that are about half-inch thick stainless steel surrounded by concrete. The casks and pads are not enclosed or covered and are visible from a public road. Ms. Lampert fears that, over the years, the casks will be vulnerable to corrosion, being so close to the ocean, and there is currently no place to send spent nuclear waste off site. However, it is not just what's in them that concerns her, it is the lack of security surrounding these dry casks sitting out in the open. Ms. Lampert also addressed other concerning issues such as the monitoring of the dry casks is not very in depth and involves looking at vents to make sure they are not blocked and heating up; and Holtec's request to the NRC to reduce the size from the entire site to just the cask storage area. Ms. Lampert also suggested joining the lawsuit with the Town of Marshfield against Holtec for breach of contract and ending funding to towns for their emergency management planning. The Board asked to have the Duxbury Nuclear Advisory Committee draft a letter to Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren, Congressman Bill Keating and all others who represent Massachusetts to ask them to urge the NRC to require better security at Pilgrim and to hold Holtec accountable for not adhering to their contract. Ms. Lampert will provide a draft letter to the Board for their review and endorsement.

VI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Read provided the following updates:

Finance Department Update

Today I received notice from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Duxbury for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources, and practical research for more than 21,000 members and the communities they serve.

As such, I would like to extend by sincerest thanks to our Finance Director, John Q. Adams and our Town Accountant, Carrie Mazerolle for their remarkable efforts in this achievement. And of course, I am also grateful to our Assessor, Steve Dunn and our Treasure/Collector, Jill Stewart for their efforts as well. There is little doubt that we have an outstanding financial team in these four individuals and this award serves as strong proof of that sentiment. Thank you all.

Transfer Station – Temporary Closure

On Saturday, September 11, 2021, the Duxbury Fire Department will be hosting a remembrance in honor of the 20th anniversary of 9/11. In order to prevent traffic congestion along Route 3A and leading onto and out of Mayflower Street, the Transfer Station will be closed from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Message boards will be in place next week to alert patrons of this temporary change in hours.

Duxbury Beach - Labor Day Bonfire and Beach Party

The date of this year's event is Saturday, September 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. Music will be provided by local band The Waves, who will play on the front beach, north of the access ramp.

The bonfire will be located south of the resident beach and north of the first crossover. The bonfire is planning to be lit at 7:30, weather permitting. We ask that you keep your children behind the restricted perimeter of the bonfire at all times!

Between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., the road between the resident lot and Blakeman's will be closed at times to allow for pedestrians to walk back to their vehicles. Access to and from Gurnet/Saquis during this time will be allowed via the Powder Point Bridge.

Parking in the resident lot for this event will be for Duxbury Residents only! Current resident lot stickers will suffice, as will proof of residency. There will be no access to park in this lot for non-residents.

Any non-residents with stickers will be directed to park on the beach via the crossovers, or at Blakeman's overflow lot. Un- authorized vehicles in the resident lot will be ticketed.

Crossovers will close on 9/4 shortly after 10:00 p.m. but absolutely no later than 10:30 p.m. - 10:45 p.m. Please exit the crossovers that night in a timely fashion.

VII. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint or re-appoint for the following:

<u>Board / Committee</u>	<u>Appointment/Re-appointment/Resignation</u>	<u>Term</u>
<u>Community Preservation Committee</u>		
David Uitti	FY22 Appointment	06-30-2022
<u>Economic Advisory Committee</u>		
Scott Casagrande	FY22 Appointment	06-30-2024
<u>Recreation Activities Committee</u>		
Brendan Donnelly	FY22 Re-Appointment	06-30-2024

Seconded by Mr. Flynn

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Flynn-Aye; Mr. McGee-Aye; Ms. Ladd Fiorini-Aye; and Ms. MacNab-Aye

The following boards/committees have available seats:

<i>Alternative Energy Committee</i>	-	<i>two seats</i>
<i>Design Review Board</i>	-	<i>one Alternate seat</i>
<i>Duxbury Bay Mgmt Commission</i>	-	<i>two seats</i>
<i>Duxbury Seawall Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>Historical Commission</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>Nuclear Advisory Committee</i>	-	<i>two seats</i>
<i>Sidewalk & Bike Path Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>

Comments: If anyone is interested in volunteering on a board or committee, you are encouraged to fill out a Talent Bank form, which can be found on the Town's website under the Employment & Volunteering tab.

VIII. ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS – None

IX. EVENT PERMITS – None

X. MINUTES

Approved: 06/21/21 Selectmen's Executive Session (A) and (B) minutes:

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved to approved the 06/21/21 Selectmen's Executive Session Minutes (A) and (B) as amended, with contents to remain sealed until the need has passed.

Seconded by Mr. Flynn

Roll Call: Ms. MacNab-aye, Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye, Mr. McGee-aye, and Mr. Flynn-aye

Approved: 06/21/21 and 08/23/21 Selectmen's Open Session minutes:

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved to approved the 06/21/21 and 08/23/21 Open Session Minutes as amended.

Seconded by Mr. Flynn

Roll Call: Ms. MacNab-aye, Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye, Mr. McGee-aye, and Mr. Flynn-aye

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) **Monday, September 6th Town Hall offices will be Closed for Labor Day.**
- 2) **Next Scheduled Selectmen's Meeting** will be on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Mural Room.

XII. BONUS SHELLFISH (month of September)

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that the Board of Selectmen declare a temporary Bonus Shellfish Season for:

- 1) the commercial harvesting of softshell clams for the month of **SEPTEMBER**. Regulations as attached. (Please see Attachment B & C)
- 2) The commercial harvesting of quahog clams for the month of **SEPTEMBER**. Regulations as attached. (Please see Attachment A & C)

Seconded by Mr. Flynn

Roll Call: Ms. MacNab-aye, Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye, Mr. McGee-aye, and Mr. Flynn-aye

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that at approximately 8:25p.m., the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Flynn

Roll Call: Ms. MacNab-aye, Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye, Mr. McGee-aye, and Mr. Flynn-aye

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- 1) *Agenda*
- 2) *Declaration of Surplus item – Harbormaster Dept.*
- 3) *Letter from Duxbury for All Steering Committee concerning Afghan refugees*
- 4) *Presentation regarding safety concerns at site of former Plymouth/Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant*
- 5) *Town Manager's Report*
- 6) *Committee Appointments*
- 7) *Minutes*
- 8) *Announcements*
- 9) *Bonus Shellfish report for September, 2021*