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OPEN SESSION MINUTES
DUXBURY, MASS.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Present: Amy M. MacNab, Chair (arrived a few minutes late); Fernando Guitart, Vice Chair; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, Clerk; Theodore J. Flynn; and Michael McGee

Absent: None

Staff: René Read, Town Manager; John Q. Adams, Finance Director; and Nancy O'Connor, Executive Assistant

Others: Gordon Cushing, Recreation Director; and Ryan Brown, Beach Operations Administrator

CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION (*via remote participation of the Board members and staff*)

I. CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm. by Mr. Guitart. *This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 dated June 16, 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency regarding suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, the Town of Duxbury's Board and/or Committee meetings will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible with members. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so by joining the Zoom Webinar as noted on the agenda or by viewing the Duxbury Government Access Channels – Verizon 39 or Comcast 15. Viewers can visit www.pactv.org/duxbury for information about Duxbury programming including streaming on Duxbury YouTube, to watch replays and Video on Demand.*

II PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

III OPEN FORUM PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Flynn asked to discuss, at a future Selectmen's meeting, contacting the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) to require a berm or a wall where the dry casks are stored to obstruct the public's view from the road at Holtec/Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in Plymouth. He suggested the meeting should also include the Nuclear Advisory Committee.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Introduction to Ryan Brown, Beach Operations Manager

Mr. Gordon Cushing, Recreation Director, recognized Ryan Brown, the new Beach Operations Manager. He stated that Ryan came from DCR (Department of Conservation & Recreation) running state parks, which included a lot of customer service experience.

Mr. Ryan Brown then introduced himself, mentioned that he was a Forest & Park Supervisor for DCR. He continued to say that he welcomed this opportunity and looks forward to building relationships with Town departments and the Duxbury Beach Reservation. He said that he meets remotely with Cris and Brynna (DBR) weekly to go over updates on the birds and other beach items. Mr. Brown also said

that he meets with Bradford (DBR) in-person at the beach every week and that they speak several times during the day. He said that the DBR were very welcoming to him, communication is good, and that he has a lot of support from Mr. Cushing and staff. The Selectmen welcomed Mr. Brown and thanked him for all of the communication and beach updates.

Discussion regarding Harrington Property – Establishing a working group

Mr. Read read the following memo into the record regarding establishing a working group:

“Dear Members,

I was recently contacted by Holly Morris (CPC Chair) about the idea of creating a working group to discuss the subdivision lot configurations of the property and the development of an historic district. Ultimately, the sale of the historic house on the site would allow the Town to recapture a portion of the funds used toward its purchase and relieve us from continued caretaking.

Holly also suggested a list of people who should be involved in these discussions and I agree with her recommendation.

Harrington Property Working Group

<i>Tony Kelso</i>	<i>CPC, Town Historian</i>
<i>Tag Carpenter</i>	<i>Historical Commission</i>
<i>Joe Grady</i>	<i>Conservation Commission</i>
<i>Jeff Chandler</i>	<i>Agricultural Commission</i>
<i>Diane Bartlett</i>	<i>DAHT</i>
<i>Kathy Cross</i>	<i>Open Space Committee</i>
<i>Holly Morris</i>	<i>CPC</i>
<i>Brian Glennon</i>	<i>Planning Board</i>
<i>TBD</i>	<i>Board of Selectmen</i>

With that, I recommend that the Board of Selectmen vote to establish a working group to review possible lot configurations, creation of an historic district for the homesite and address and review any other factors associated with the future development and disposition of the Harrington property located on Temple Street.

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know.”

Mr. Read suggested that Ms. Ladd Fiorini be the Board of Selectmen representative given her planning background. Ms. Ladd Fiorini accepted and the other members were in agreement.

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to establish a working group to review and address factors associated with the future development and disposition of the Harrington property located on Temple Street.

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

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Read provided the following updates:

Duxbury Beach

Information provided to our office by Bradford Bower, Program Coordinator for Duxbury Beach Reservation, Coastal Ecology Program:

Piping Plover Activity

- PIPL Pairs: ~26
- Nests: 0
- PIPL Broods: 11
- Fledged Broods: 10

Status

- Crossovers remain closed
- There have been no changes to the Restricted Area over the last week
- Nighttime driving (after 8 p.m.) will remain closed for the foreseeable future

As we get closer to the end of July, some of our PIPL broods are expected to fledge. This means that as broods start to fledge, some sections of the ORV corridor (near term - second crossover) may start to reopen by mid-August as I have reported previously. The DBR field staff are keeping a close eye on both Piping Plover and Least Tern activity on the beach and they will communicate any changes to the Restricted Areas as chicks fledge and/or leave the area.

Unfortunately, the first crossover will remain closed for the foreseeable future as the plover broods in this area are a little younger. If circumstances allow for re-opening sooner, we will be sure to notify the public. We remind motorists that speeding and passing along the back road are prohibited and caution should be exercised while driving.

Please note that access to the Off-Road Vehicle corridor could change on a daily basis. We will provide updated information if any sudden changes occur which can be found on the following social media outlets on a daily basis:

Twitter: @BeachDuxbury

Instagram: Duxbury_beach_ops

Please note that neither the Twitter or the Instagram is monitored 24/7 and is for outbound informational purposes only.

Update regarding Exit 10

Val Massard, while working in Kingston, is working for both of our towns on this project. Val has spoken with the engineer and they are ready to engage towards the end of August and we will be meeting to discuss the project towards late August/early September.

FY'22 budget and earmarks for Duxbury

Last year the Fire Department had submitted a \$40,000 capital request for thermal imaging equipment which was ultimately withdrawn as a result of budget constraints. I'm happy to report that Representative Josh Cutler's officer provided notification to us last week that he, along with Senator O'Connor and Representative LaNatra were able to find a way to secure extra funds for the towns they represent, and this year they were successful in adding a legislative earmark for the town of Duxbury for this purpose.

On behalf of the Town of Duxbury, I would like to thank the three of them for their efforts in helping secure the funds for this equipment which is very important to our firefighters and citizens safety and the operational efficiency of the Duxbury Fire Department.

VI 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>Alternative Energy Committee</u>		
Susan Fontaine	FY22 Re-Appointment	06-30-2024
Matt Koenig	FY22 Re-Appointment	06-30-2024
Lynn Smith	Resignation	

Board of Appeals (Zoning)

Tanya Trevisan	FY22 Appointment	06-30-2026
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Note: The Board of Selectmen did not appoint Ms. Trevisan at this time.

MBTA Advisory Board

Richard S. Prone	FY22 Re-Appointment	06-30-2022
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Seconded by Mr. Flynn Roll Call Vote: Mr. Flynn-Aye; Mr. McGee-Aye; Ms. Ladd Fiorini-Aye; Mr. Guitart-Aye; and Ms. MacNab-Aye

The following boards/committees have available seats:

Alternative Energy Committee	-	one seat
Design Review Board	-	one Alternate seat
Duxbury Bay Mgmt Commission	-	two seats
Finance Committee	-	two seats
Historical Commission	-	one seat
Municipal Commission on Disability	-	one seat
Sidewalk & Bike Path Committee	-	one seat

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 Forms & Documents tab.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the process of appointing someone to fill a vacant seat on a board or committee. Mr. Read stated that the existing process is that Chairs and their respective boards/committees review Talent Banks and then make a recommendation to the Selectmen. Ms. MacNab stated that the Selectmen have an important role regarding appointments and would like the opportunity to review all Talent Banks and to interview new applicants to ensure that they pick someone good for that board/committee. Mr. Flynn commented that the issue is getting people to apply and didn't see where the committees were not doing their job. It was agreed to put a process in writing and that Mr. Read and Ms. MacNab would work on that for the next meeting.

VII ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS

09/11/21 Duxbury Beach Reservation Beach Ball 2021

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that Ms. Cris Luttazi, Executive Director and as a representative of the Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc., is granted a One-Day All Alcoholic License to hold their DBR Beach Ball 2021 on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the Caterer's Parking Lot – Duxbury Beach Park, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., contingent upon the conditions of the license.

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

09/18/21 Miramar Retreat Center - Evening Under the Moon

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that Rev. Mark Schramm, as a representative of Miramar Retreat Center, is granted a One-Day All Alcoholic License to hold a summer fundraising event "Evening Under the Moon" at 121 Parks Street on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, subject to the conditions of the license.

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

VIII EVENT PERMITS

09/18/21 Duxbury Beach Triathlon

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that Mr. Brian Noyes, as a representative of the Duxbury Beach Triathlon, is granted permission to hold a triathlon event in Duxbury on Saturday, September 18, 2021, beginning at 10:00am (with registration beginning at approximately 7:30am), subject to the conditions of the permit.

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

IX MINUTES None

X ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) **Next Scheduled Selectmen's Meeting** will be on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 7:00pm.

XI BONUS SHELLFISH (month of August)

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 AUGUST. Regulations as attached. (Please see Attachment B & C)
- 2) the commercial harvesting of quahog clams for the month of AUGUST. Regulations as attached. (Please see Attachment A & C)

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

XII ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ladd Fiorini moved that at approximately 8:00p.m., the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

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

Minutes submitted by Nancy O'Connor

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- 1) *Agenda*
- 2) *Harrington Property working group memo*
- 3) *Town Manager Report*
- 4) *Committee Appointments*
- 5) *ODLL Requests*
- 6) *Event Permit*
- 7) *Bonus Shellfish for August*
- 8) *Announcements*