

Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

Executive Session Minutes of July 20, 2017

Members Present: Holly Morris, Chair; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, Tony Kelso, Paul McCormack, Terry Vose

Members Absent: Kathy Palmer, Sarianna Seewald

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

Joe Grady reported there is a lot going on with possible land acquisition projects and he is updating the Committee.

- Pink: 60 acres. These are high quality bogs and upland. An appraisal is being done and the seller is willing to sell to the Town.
- Williams: 20 acres. The house is in poor condition and the daughter wants to sell the property to the Town. AN appraisal is being done. The land is adjacent to future Town well sites so perhaps a partnership with the Water Department is possible. This property has been included in the Greenbelt Plan for the town for over 50 years.
- Harrington: This is farmland on Temple Street, about 17 acres. There are 7 ANR street lots. An appraisal was done but seems to be low; she is proposing keeping the house and a 2-acre lot.
- O'Neill lot in North Hill Marsh this is the last piece of private property in this area. They
 are willing to sell this for \$6,900; Joe Grady hopes to purchase this using Conservation
 Fund money.
- Duck Hill Road the Starr family is offering a donation of 20 acres of salt marsh. It may be necessary to do a friendly taking to cleanse the title; this would be done at Town meeting.
- Loring This is two parcels, bog and reservoir, approximately 60 acres. An appraisal is being done. Joe Grady is not promoting buying bogs for farming, but perhaps unproductive bogs could be taken out of production and have the famers work the more productive bogs. Round Pond is the headwaters of the South River, and 80% of the land around the South River is owned by the Town. An appraisal on this land is being done.
- Evans property Union Street, 12 acres, house and land. This abuts the Matthews Bog on Cranberry Street. The owner will likely keep the house and land and donate a Conservation Restriction to Wildlands Trust on the remaining property.

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- Howland Farm at Bay Road & Chestnut Street, 10.5 acres. This is on the market for 1.2 million dollars and will be hard to develop because of wetlands. There are many Native American artifacts on the property. This does not fit with the Greenbelt plan and the Town has no adjacent land. Perhaps elderly housing would be a good use for this land.
- Nest to Camp Wing on Temple Street a 2.79 acre donation. There are about \$3,900 in back taxes due; this land belongs to a farmer in Marshfield.
- DeLorenzo this is on Route 53 and is 28 acres. The adjacent LaCosse property which
 was 7 acres with greenhouse was sold to a developer for 3 house lots. This parcel
 would be nice to help create a farming district with the nearby Berrybrook fields and
 O'Neill Farm.

Tony Kelso made a motion to leave Executive Session and return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Terry Vose. The roll call vote was: Holly Morris, yes; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, yes; Tony Kelso, yes; Paul McCormack, yes; Terry Vose; yes.

Tony Kelso made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:25 am; the motion was seconded by Terry Vose. The roll call vote was: Holly Morris, yes; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, yes; Tony Kelso, yes; Paul McCormack, yes; Terry Vose; yes.