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Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

The Duxbury Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in person in the Town Hall Mural Room.

Members Present: Kathy Cross, Tag Carpenter, Tony Kelso, Kathy Palmer, and Holly Morris.

Members Absent: George Wadsworth

Staff Present: Nancy Rufo, Conservation Administrator and Pat Loring, Volunteer

Chair, Holly Morris welcomed everyone and called the Community Preservation Committee to order at 9:10 a.m.

Project Updates:

Ricker Property: Nancy Rufo reported Conoco expects to begin the Ricker property Phase I assessment on September 8, 2022. She was unable to confirm Tony Kelso's site visit dates of 10/12/22 and 10/15/22 because October is cranberry harvest season. Portions of the Ricker bogs are dry picked and spectators are not allowed on the property during harvest. Nancy Rufo will contact Mr. Ricker again about possible site visit dates prior to the 10/17/22 Special Town Meeting.

Cranberry Bog Chemical Use: Sheila Lynch-Benttinen appeared before the Selectboard last week regarding the use of Glycine (Round up) on the town's cranberry bogs. Nancy Rufo followed-up with a local cranberry grower who reported the state is currently doing a study on the chemical. Holly Morris noted that climate warming has resulted in the need for additional chemical treatments.

Delorenzo Farm: Nancy Rufo reported she received the well location plan and has submitted it for the well permit. Once the permit is issued, West End Drilling can begin work. The area for the well in the front of the property has been partially cleared for drilling. The DPW has cleared the area for Duxbury Construction to clean out the trash pit.

Isaac Simmons Farm: Nancy Rufo reported to date there are no bids. Deadline for bids is Friday, September 2, 2022 at noon. Bids will be opened in the Town Manager's office following the noon deadline.

Camp Wing Observation Platform: Dave Philbrick, Conservation Field Agent, has completed construction of the new Observation Platform at Camp Wing.

Land for Soccer Fields: Holly Morris reported that Selectboard member, Michael McGee, is working to identify town owned land that could support new soccer fields. The non-irrigated land behind the Chandler School is the best location, but lack of irrigation is an impediment.

2023 CPA Applications: The annual request for CPA applications will be placed in the *Duxbury Clipper* this fall with a deadline for submission of 10/15/2022. Lack of CPA funds will restrict projects recommended to 2023 Annual Town Meeting.

Snug Harbor Sea Level Rise: Town Manager René Read and Planning Director Chris Ryan, will meet with Duxbury Bay Maritime School staff to discuss forming a partnership for applying for another Seaport Grant. Deadline for applying is 9/30/2022.

Pickleball Group: The non-profit pickleball group had donated \$25,000 to the town for upgrading the Tarkiln pickleball courts.

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(10:10 a.m. Tony Kelso arrived)

Duxbury Affordable Housing Trust: Holly Morris announced Diane Bartlett will be retiring from the DAHT after many years of service. The DAHT is looking for new members and an Administrative Assistant. The DAHT supports the return to a 3% CPA surcharge. The Duxbury Housing Authority is also looking for new members.

East Street Affordable Housing: Eight units of Affordable Housing in one building are planned for East Street. A plan is being prepared.

Discussion on increasing the CPA surcharge: Holly Morris stated Executive Directors of non-profits who have benefitted from CPA funding would be welcome to speak in favor of the return to a 3% surcharge at the October 17, 2022 Special Town Meeting. Additionally, it would be helpful if the non-profits sent emails to members encouraging them to vote for the return to 3%. Ms. Morris will develop a fact sheet and send it to CPC members. A presentation by the CPC is scheduled at the Senior Center on 9/28/22 at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURN: At 10:40 a.m. Tony Kelso made a motion, seconded by Tag Carpenter, to adjourn the Community Preservation Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Next Meeting is Scheduled for September 6, 2022 at 11:00 a.m at the Duxbury Senior Center.