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## Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

### MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2022

The Duxbury Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in person in the Duxbury Senior Center's Walker Room.

**Members Present:** Kathy Cross, Tag Carpenter, Tony Kelso, Holly Morris and David Uitti.

**Members Absent:** George Wadsworth and Kathy Palmer.

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

Chair, Holly Morris welcomed everyone and called the Community Preservation Committee to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### Project Updates:

Duxbury Housing Authority CPC Representative: Holly Morris reported Bri Leing, a new member of the Duxbury Housing Authority will become their representative to the CPC.

Delorenzo Farm: Nancy Rufo reported the tree crew has been on site clearing trees for the well drilling company. Duxbury Construction has been cleaning out the trash pit and finding more trash than expected. A trail camera, not belonging to the town, was found on the property and later removed by the owner. A Conservation Department camera will be installed soon. Farmer, Brett Sovick, plans to plant garlic, his first crop, this month.

CRs: Pat Loring reported on the large CR backlog at MA Department of Conservation Services. Pressure is being applied by the Mass Land Trust Coalition to process the draft CRs.

Isaac Simmons Farm: Nancy Rufo reported a door to the house was found open and grass tracked into the kitchen. The house has been locked again. Tag Carpenter reported on the Harrington Working Group's (HWG) October 3, 2022 meeting and the effort to find a Real Estate Agent to assist in selling the house and three acres of land. Discussion followed on estimated funds needed to carry the house through the winter. Tag Carpenter also discussed Article 13 of the October 17, 2022 Special Town Meeting which requests funds for the Isaac Simmons house. The Historical Commission would like to keep Article 13 on the Special Town Meeting warrant and amend it to delete reference to "renovations". Possible needs for Article 13 funds would be heat, insurance, a sales agent, and a possible historic survey. Town Counsel will be asked if an historic survey is allowable under the CPA. Tag Carpenter outlined a probable timeline for selling the house which would include: 60 days for the RFP to be published, 3 months minimum for responses, and 60 to 90 days to closing, which puts the property sale in March 2023 at the earliest.

Kathy Cross made a motion, seconded by Tony Kelso, to change the word, "maintenance" to "preservation" in Article 13 and to appropriate \$30,000. from the CPA Historic Preservation fund balance to support Article 13. Motion passed unanimously 5 to 0.

Cranberry Bog Chemical Use: Nancy Rufo reported she and Town Manager, Rene Reed met with two Duxbury cranberry growers to discuss how the chemical glyphosate is being used on the town's cranberry bogs. The topic will be further discussed with the Agricultural and Conservation Commissions at a future Select Board meeting. Use of herbicides and pesticides will also be discussed during Article 2, the purchase of the Ricker property, at the

October 17, 2022 Special Town Meeting. Iain Ward, cranberry consultant, will be available to answer questions at STM.

Ricker Land Purchase: Nancy Rufo will present the article at STM. PACTV will produce a video about the purchase for STM.

**Discussion on increasing the CPA surcharge:** The Duxbury Select Board and the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society Board of Trustees have voted in favor of raising the CPA surcharge to 3%. Letters to the Editor and letters to members are being sent by local non-profits encouraging support of the 3% CPA surcharge. Another public forum on the issue is scheduled for October 12, 2022 at 1:30 pm at the Senior Center. Possible future CPA projects include: pickleball court renovations, playgrounds at the Alden and Chandler schools, complete renovations of the town's Girl Scout House and developing a town-wide Historic Preservation Plan.

**ADJOURN:** At 10:25 a.m. Tony Kelso made a motion, seconded by Kathy Cross, to adjourn the Community Preservation Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. prior to Special Town Meeting. Following that meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**