



# Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

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## Minutes of November 10, 2021

The Duxbury Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Thursday, November 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via remote Zoom video conferencing.

**Members Present:** Holly Morris, Chair; Tag Carpenter, Kathy Cross, Tony Kelso, Paul McCormack, and Kathy Palmer.

**Members Absent:** David Uitti

**Staff Present:** Joe Grady, Conservation Administrator; Nancy Rufo, Administrative Assistant; Pat Loring, Volunteer

Chair, Holly Morris called the Community Preservation Committee meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Ms. Morris read the following Preamble: Pursuant to Governor Baker's 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 provision of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, s18, 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 via the Zoom meeting links. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted. Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceeding to the best of our technical abilities.

Roll call vote of members present: Tag Carpenter, yes; Kathy Cross, yes; Tony Kelso, yes; Paul McCormack, yes; Kathy Palmer, yes; and Holly Morris, yes.

Kathy Palmer asked how long the CPC meetings would be held remotely. Joe Grady responded the Governor's extension of remote meetings expires in April 2022. The CPC can decide to meet in person, remotely or with a hybrid format during that time.

An informal conversation on the November 8, 2021 Special Town Meeting occurred prior to the CPC meeting being called to order.

**CPA PROJECT APPLICATION UPDATE: Alden Street Pickleball Court, Recreation Department (Kathy Cross/Tony Kelso).** Kathy Cross and Tony Kelso are the assigned CPC reviewers for the project. Kathy Cross reported on her research to date. She has remaining questions about ongoing expenses and the numbers of players at a time. She spoke with a person who frequently uses the recently resurfaced pickleball courts at the Tarkiln Community Center and learned the courts are beginning to deteriorate. Pickleball players there held a fundraising tournament recently and 72 people showed up. The Recreation Department has Pickleball Court sign-ups for Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 a.m. to noon. Duxbury residents get priority in the signup. All other times are first come, first served. Cindy Regan at the Recreation Department reported Tarkiln often has 30 people there at a time. Kathy Cross stated the project meets the CPC project criterion. Tony

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Kelso reported there is definitely a need for more pickleball courts and the project fits the CPC project criterion. He also thought noise in the Alden Street neighborhood would not be a problem because courts currently exist on the site. Discussion followed on the town parking lot and traffic at the library, which is not part of this CPA project. The Annual Town Meeting Warrant closes on December 3, 2021. The CPC will meet on December 2, 2021, leaving time for further research prior to recommending the project for the 2022 Annual Town Meeting. Outstanding questions are: Should the courts be resurfaced or rebuilt, as proposed? Has the Recreation Department asked other towns if they have added or converted pickleball courts? Are there other funding sources to help reduce the proposed \$88,000 cost? It was noted that one Alden Street court currently floods during rain events, which raised the question if regrading and new drainage was part of this proposal. Kathy Cross and Tony Kelso will follow up.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

**Approval Of Minutes:** With one correction to the October 14, 2021 Regular Session Minutes, Tony Kelso made a motion, seconded by Kathy Palmer, to approve the October 14, 2021 Regular Session Minutes, the October 19, 2021 Delorenzo Site Visit Minutes and the October 21, 2021 Regular Session Minutes with revisions.

Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Tag Carpenter, yes; Kathy Cross, yes; Tony Kelso, yes; Paul McCormack, yes; Kathy Palmer, yes; and Holly Morris, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Pink Property Closing** - Joe Grady reported the Pink Property, approved for purchase at the November 8, 2021 Special Town Meeting, was scheduled to close on December 8, 2021.

**Federal Infrastructure Bill** – Kathy Palmer asked if the Federal Infrastructure Bill will have an impact on the MA CPA funding. Joe Grady replied that local financing is currently very strong.

**Trail Cleanup** – Joe Grady reported many volunteers, especially mountain bikers and new Land Steward, Dave Philbrick, have been busy clearing the conservation trails of debris from the recent high intensity storm. The Williams Preserve and Lansing Bennett Forest were especially hard hit.

**Site Visit to 0 Kingstown Way** – The Affordable Housing Trust will become owners of the property following a traffic and site analysis, when the town exercises its Right of First Refusal. The CPC will conduct a site visit of the property on November 17, 2021 at 9 a.m.

**Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2021.** The CPC will meet next on December 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

**Adjournment:** Tony Kelso made a motion, seconded by Kathy Cross, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Tag Carpenter, yes; Kathy Cross, yes; Tony Kelso, yes; Paul McCormack, yes; Kathy Palmer, yes; and Holly Morris, yes. Motion carried 6-0

**Next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.**