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Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

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DUXBURY, MASS.

Executive Session Minutes of November 14, 2019

Members Present: Acting Chair Tony Kelso; Tag Carpenter; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini; Paul McCormack; Kathy Palmer; Sarianna Seewald

Members Absent: Holly Morris

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

Executive Session began at 9:10 am.

Joe Grady reported that Wildlands Trust wrote a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking for the Right of First Refusal for the Harrington property on Temple Street to be transferred to them. As he understands it, Wildlands Trust would be a temporary holder of the land and would want to be reimbursed although the letter does not state that. He hopes to meet with the Director to develop an understanding of what their plan might be and what role CPC might have in a reimbursement.

Cynthia Ladd Fiorini asked who would reimburse them and Joe Grady said possibly the Town, and/or private fundraising. The Town has reached a Memorandum of Agreement with the property owner as to what part of the land is under Chapter 61 which is about 10 acres of the 14 total acres. There are 3 lots; 2 on Laurel Street and 1 on Temple Street that are under Chapter 61 as well as the field. The house lot of about 60,000 square feet, a landlocked piece and some wetlands are exempt from Chapter 61.

Joe Grady said that money from the Historic Reserve can be used to buy farmland if it is part of an historic landscape. It is possible there could be a Housing component as well with the lots of the Laurel Street side. Additionally, CPC can bond if they don't have adequate funds on hand for a project.

Tony Kelso asked about the Loring Bogs, which are under Chapter 61 and for which the Town has a valid Purchase & Sale agreement. Joe Grady said this property has about 14 acres of bogs and totals about 38 acres. The reservoir is not part of this P&S. There are about 8-10 acres of upland and it abuts Meetinghouse Swamp. Tony Kelso feels the Town should pursue purchase of this property. Joe Grady said he had discussed purchasing the property with the property owners previously and had an appraisal done but could not reach an agreement, he believes this property is of high priority for acquisition and protection by the Town. Cynthia Ladd Fiorini suggested adding the purchase of the Loring Bogs as a potential project; Joe Grady said he will prepare a Project Application for acquisition of this land.

At 9:35 AM Cynthia Ladd Fiorini made a motion to exit the Executive Session and return to Open Session. The motion was seconded by Kathy Palmer. The roll call vote was Tag Carpenter, yes; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, yes; Tony Kelso, yes; Paul McCormack, yes; Kathy Palmer, yes; Sarianna Seewald, yes; the motion carried 6-0.

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