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## Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

### Minutes of November 21, 2019

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 8:15 AM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

**Members Present:** Holly Morris; Tag Carpenter; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini; Tony Kelso (leaves at 9:15); Paul McCormack; Sarianna Seewald

**Members Absent:** Kathy Palmer

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

The meeting was called to order by acting Chair Tony Kelso at 8:15 am.

#### OPEN PROJECT UPDATES

At the next meeting the Committee will review the list of open projects to see if there are any that can now be closed.

#### PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR 2020

An error on the financial information distributed last time has been corrected and updated financial information has been distributed to the Committee.

#### CPA SURCHARGE: DISCUSSION

Leslie Hart of 36 Plumfield Lane was present to discuss a Citizen's Petition article for the Town Meeting warrant to raise the CPA surcharge to 3%.

Holly Morris said for a median value home, the current surcharge is about \$73 per year; if raised to 3% it would be \$219 per year for the median value home. Right now about \$500,000 annually comes in from the CPA surcharge and the State match, but this limits the ability of the CPC to fund projects. There are needs for more affordable housing, protecting open space is a priority and is very expensive, and there are historic and recreation projects that could be funded.

Leslie Hart said she believes there is support for raising the surcharge but some people are concerned with any increase in taxes. A petitioned warrant article only requires 10 signatures and she plans to submit such a warrant article.

Some data provided by the Community Preservation Coalition was reviewed which shows how much of an increase in state matching funds would result from raising the surcharge to 3% because the Town then qualifies for additional rounds of matching funds.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**Invoices and requisitions approved since the last meeting:** Invoice #1 from Wendy Frontiero in the amount of \$9000 was signed by Chair Holly Morris for the Historic Tlnkertown District nomination work.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Holly Morris made the following motion: I move we go into Executive Session to consider the taking, purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, as such discussion in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of this Commission; and to reconvene in open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, s. 21. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini. The Roll Call vote was: Holly Morris, yes; Tag Carpenter, yes; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, yes; Tony Kelso, yes; Paul McCormack, yes; Sarianna Seewald, yes.

The meeting continued at 9:25 following the Executive Session.

Cynthia Ladd Fiorini made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Town exercise its Right of First Refusal and hold a Special Town Meeting within the statutory time limits for the Loring Bogs land (0 East Street); this purchase is to be funded using CPA funds. The motion was seconded by Paul McCormack and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Cynthia Ladd Fiorini made a motion to recommend the Harrington Land Acquisition Project (Project 2020-07) to the Town Meeting warrant. This motion was seconded by Paul McCormack and approved by a vote of 5-0.

There was discussion about the Town Meeting article asking that the CPA surcharge be raised to 3%. Paul McCormack suggested the CPC can sponsor the article; it does not have to be done by a private citizens group. Joe Grady suggested the CPC vote to put an article on the warrant if the petitioned article is not received by the Town by the deadline for the warrant.

Cynthia Ladd Fiorini made a motion to have a Town Meeting warrant article raising the CPA surcharge to 3% if no article doing this is submitted via citizen's petition. Paul McCormack seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 5-0.

#### **ADJOURN**

On a motion by Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, seconded by Paul McCormack, it was voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 am.