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Town of Duxbury Conservation Commission

Minutes of December 1, 2021

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The Duxbury Conservation Commission met on Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. via remote Zoom videoconferencing.

Members Present: Robb D'Ambruoso, Chair; Scott Zoltowski, Vice-Chair; Sam Butcher; Tom Gill; Mickey McGonagle; Holly Morris and Corey Wisneski

Members Absent: None

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

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Robb D'Ambruoso at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. D'Ambruoso 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 provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, the Town of Duxbury's Board and/or Committee meetings will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible with members.

Roll call vote of members present: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes; Scott Zoltowski, yes; and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Approval of Executive Session Minutes: Nancy Rufo gave the background for convening this additional Conservation Commission meeting. Commission Chair Robb D'Ambruoso received a Public Record Request (via email to Ms. Rufo) from Elizabeth Lewis requesting specific Conservation Commission Executive Session Minutes from the last five years. A response must be received by the requesting party within ten business days. Ms. Rufo compiled the requested minutes and discovered some had not been previously approved and/or voted to be released. Today's meeting was convened to approve past Executive Session minutes, and vote to release to allow them to be made available to the public and Ms. Lewis. Prior to the meeting, Ms. Rufo distributed to the Commissioners a spreadsheet of the unapproved Executive Session minutes and a copy of Ms. Lewis' Public Record Request letter. Town Clerk, Susan Kelley, has stated a blanket motion may be made to approve all the Executive Session minutes.

Discussion followed on the legalities of releasing Executive Session minutes to the public. Joe Grady stated this release of minutes is also a "housekeeping" matter as the Executive Session minutes had not previously been approved and released. Any projects currently

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requiring Executive Session discussion have been electronically redacted from the minutes being released.

Corey Wisneski made a motion, seconded by Holly Morris, to approve and release the draft Executive Session minutes from 8/13/2019 and 3/10/2020. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Scott Zoltowski, yes; and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.
Motion carried 7-0

Corey Wisneski made a motion, seconded by Scott Zoltowski, to release the Executive Session Minutes from 2014 to 2021 redacted where indicated. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Scott Zoltowski, yes; and Robb D'Ambruoso, yes.
Motion carried 7-0

Robb D'Ambruoso left the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Vice Chair, Scott Zoltowski took over as Chair of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Acceptance of the Pink Family Living Trust Deed. The Conservation Commission is required to accept the Pink Family Living Trust Deed at a public meeting. The Pink property was approved for purchase at the November 8, 2021 Special Town Meeting.

Scott Zoltowski made a motion, seconded by Sam Butcher, to accept the Pink Family Living Trust Deed as presented to the Commission at its meeting of December 1, 2021. The Deed is accepted under G.L. c.40 s 8c for conservation, open space, agriculture, water supply protection and passive recreation purposes. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes; and Scott Zoltowski, yes;
Motion carried 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: Sam Butcher made a motion, seconded by Corey Wisneski, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote: Sam Butcher, yes; Tom Gill, yes; Mickey McGonagle, yes; Holly Morris, yes; Corey Wisneski, yes; and Scott Zoltowski, yes.
Motion carried 6 – 0.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.