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DUXBURY TOWN
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

DUXBURY SELECTBOARD

Present: Fernando Guitart, Chair; Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, Vice Chair; Michael McGee, Clerk; Amy M. MacNab; and Theodore J. Flynn

Absent:

Staff: John Q. Adams, Acting Town Manager; and Michelle Seda-Stotts, Principal Assistant

Others: Steve Dunn, Director of Assessors; Tracy Mayo, Duxbury Health Agent; Jim Wasielewski, Director, Municipal Services; Joanne Moore, COA Director; Michelle Hatfield, resident; Dr. Ben Cronin, resident; Jim Lampert, NAC member; Mary Lampert, NAC, Co-Chair; Wendell Cerne, AEC-Chair; Stephen Campbell, AEC, member; Lewis Segall, AEC, member.

CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm.
Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person and, as a courtesy, via remote means in accordance with applicable law. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided as a courtesy to the public and board members, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless required by law. Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so by viewing the Duxbury Government Access Channels – Verizon 39 or Comcast 15. Viewers can visit www.pactv.org/duxbury for information about Duxbury programming including streaming on Duxbury You Tube, to watch replays and Video on Demand.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

II. OPEN FORUM

Ms. Hatfield, 262 Park Street, commented on the street safety of the intersection of Park Street and Tremont Street. Several letters have been written to Mr. Brogna of the Highway Safety Committee. She just wanted to bring awareness to this issue. Mr. Guitart commented on the enforcement of the by-laws and an executive session needs to be scheduled to discuss. Mr. Guitart also wanted to review the process for event permits. Dr. Cronin, 17 Pill Hill Lane, also wished to inform the SB of the Bay Road/Park Street/Oak Street area and the need to improve traffic safety.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding AARP Age-Friendly Network – presented by Joanne Moore

Ms. Moore stated that they have submitted their application for Duxbury to become an Age and Dementia Friendly community. They have established a committee, a subcommittee of the COA board, and are looking for the Selectboards support to begin their work. The community will work together with the guidance of Joanne Zagamont, of OCPC, and Chris Ryan, Planning Director to develop a survey, to be distributed town wide, to recognize improvements, that will benefit residents of all ages. They are hoping to have results by mid-October, and will analyze the results, work on an action plan and bring it forward in late fall.

Mr. McGee moved that the Selectboard vote to support the work required for the Town of Duxbury to become an Age and Dementia friendly community, as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Flynn Vote: 5:0:0

Discussion regarding FY23 Senior Tax Work Off Program – presented by Joanne Moore

Ms. Moore gave a brief background on the formation of the Senior Tax Work Off Program. They are currently requesting to update the eligibility requirements, the selection process and general information of the current program. Ms. Ladd Fiorini inquired about the number of seniors in the program. Ms. Moore responded that it has been adjusted but it can be re-evaluated and adjusted at a future date. Mr. Lampert inquired about the switch from assets to income, does the new proposal state what you are looking at. Mr. Dunn responded that it is based on your gross income. Mr. McGee inquired about increasing the number of participants. Mr. Adams responded that it is not free and comes out of the overlay.

Mr. McGee moved that the Selectboard approve the amended and updated FY23 Senior Tax Work Off Program, as presented.

Seconded by Mr. Flynn Vote: 4:0:1 (Ms. MacNab abstained due to her husband being on the board of assessors)

Discussion with Board of Health regarding mosquito spraying and ticks

Ms. Mayo, Health Agent - Duxbury Board of Health, began the discussion and Ms. Tepper opened the meeting for the BOH. Mr. Guitart had two inquiries: aerial spraying by the State; and Plymouth County, offering spraying to residents. What is the likelihood of the spraying? Ms. Mayo responded that what they look at is the overall area. We are currently low or a remote risk for EEE. Historically, southern Massachusetts is considered high risk but this year we are at low risk. Then you have the Plymouth County Mosquito Control, that will spray your property if requested by the homeowner. They usually start at end of May and end in October. Homeowners can contact PCMC by phone or fax, and request, up to 8 times per season, to be sprayed. They then post on their website by 3pm the streets that will be sprayed on the following day. Usually spraying is done between 2am and one-half hour before sunrise. It is ground spraying and not the breeding sites. We have this information posted on our website, and it is the same product they have been using for several years. Ms. Ladd Fiorini inquired about the spraying not just targeting mosquitos, and if kills other insects. Ms. Mayo said it probably does but due to the time of the spraying other insects may not be out. Ms. Ladd Fiorini inquired about tick born diseases, and confirmed that the spraying does not affect the tics. Ms. Mayo confirmed that there have been 41 cases of some sort of tick born disease, however, it is about the same amount as last year. The mosquito spray will not affect the ticks because they are harder to reach. You just need to check yourself regularly. Ms. MacNab commented on the sign outside the Kingston municipality and would like to see something similar in Duxbury to bring attention to the residents. Ms. Mayo suggested bringing in Blake Dennis to make a presentation regarding ways to protect yourself against the ticks. Mr. Guitart stated that maybe we could add to website. Ms. Mayo stated they would. Mr. Bygate, BOH member, commented on the East Street bog and his concern for the water in it and the relation to the mosquito breeding. Ms. MacNab stated they would find out more about it. Ms. Tepper closed the BOH meeting. Mr. Guitart thanked everyone for joining the discussion.

Alternative Energy Committee – discuss Green Municipal Aggregation Plan

Mr. Cerne, AEC – Chair, began the discussion on municipal aggregation stating that it is a process by which a community is able to negotiate how the energy it is consuming, specifically electrical energy, is produced. Green municipal aggregation would be that you are deciding that a larger percentage of what is being produced is coming from, renewable-Class 1, resources. They would like to have an article, that would start the planning of municipal aggregation. Mr. Campbell discussed the benefits and Mr. Segall discussed what steps need to be taken. Mr. Campbell suggested joining other towns to join the green municipal aggregation and do the research to implement the plan. Mr. Segall, AEC member, discussed the process involved and stated it would take about 1 ½ years to implement. Most towns get an energy broker involved to help design the plan. The broker is usually paid by the supplier. Mr. Segall briefly discussed the steps involved to implement plan. They are looking at March 2023 to bring to Town Meeting. Mr. Adams stated we are currently in a three-year contract and this should be considered when implanting new plan. Mr. Guitart stated they should definitely continue with this positive change.

Mr. McGee moved that the Alternative Energy Committee take the first steps at drafting a warrant article, for approval of the town, to create a Green Municipal Aggregation Plan.

Seconded by Mr. Flynn Vote: 5:0:0

Review letter to Attorney General regarding HOLTEC

Mr. Guitart stated that there was an initial letter written, which has been reviewed by the Lamperts, requesting the AG to act pre-emptively. All agreed the letter was appropriate.

Mr. McGee moved that the Selectboard endorse the letter to the Attorney General regarding HOLTEC, as drafted.

Seconded by Mr. Flynn Vote: 5:0:0

Discussion regarding Town Signage Policy

Mr. Wasielewski, Building Commissioner, addressed the Selectboard regarding the request for Signs on Town property. They are good for 30 days, exempt signs that are erected for any charitable or religious cause or allowed by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Guitart stated that the approval process takes up a lot of time from the Selectboard and an amendment should be made to the zoning by laws related to signs. Mr. Wasielewski stated that the zoning by law needs to change because he will have to refer to the Selectboard. Mr. Guitart stated that the approval process that manages this takes a lot of time from the Selectboard, and they should create an amendment to the zoning by-laws. Mr. Wasielewski stated that without a changed in policy, he is required to present the request to the Selectboard. Ms. MacNab state that changing the by-law is a big deal and has a process. Mr. McGee stated there are some by-laws that need clarification. Ms. MacNab stated that they are doing the recodification of this by-law. Mr. Guitart stated that until then we will need to address these requests. Ms. Ladd Fiorini suggested referring to the Planning Board, their concerns and their ideas of what they are looking for. Mr. McGee would like to hear public opinion of this matter. Mr. Lampert commented that political signs are exempt and it needs to be clarified, exempt from what. Mr. Guitart suggested they come back to this conversation at a future date.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Adams shared the following:

Hiring Updates

Mr. Steve Studley has been appointed to the position of Recreation Director to succeed Gordon Cushing.

Our Chief Technology Officer has been posted and currently putting the hiring team together. Next on the list is to look for a Human Resource Manager.

Plymouth County has awarded the Town of Duxbury through its American Rescue Plan Funds, in the amount of \$1.8 million dollars, for the PFAS filtration project, that was voted on at Town Meeting under Article 6, motion 5, since this original funding was through borrowing, the Town of Duxbury will have to rescind the borrowing at its next available Town Meeting.

Update on Avian activity on the beach - is winding down.

Final Piping Plover brood. Majority of nests have hatched. There are 6 Lest Turn broods left, activity there is one unfledged brood left. There are still unfledged Turn chicks at crossovers 1 and 2. Additionally, our final Piping plover brood fledged over the weekend. All cutouts may not be utilized.

VI COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Mr. McGee moved that the Duxbury Selectboard recognize the following re-appointments:

Side Walk & Bike Path Committee

Thomas Dacey

FY23 Appointment

06-30-2025

Seconded by Mr. Flynn Vote: 5:0:0

The following boards/committees have available seats:

<i>Duxbury Seawall Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>Economic Advisory Committee</i>	-	<i>two seats</i>
<i>Sidewalk & Bike Path Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>

Comments:

If anyone is interested in volunteering on a board or committee, you are encouraged to fill out a Talent Bank form, which can be found on the Town's website under the Forms & Documents tab

VII ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE REQUESTS

08/25/22 Art Complex Museum – Art New England Reception

Mr. McGee moved that **Ms. Lori LeDoux**, as a representative of the Duxbury Art Complex Museum, is granted a One-Day Wine & Malt License to hold an artist reception on **Thursday, August 25, 2022** from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Art Complex Museum, 189 Alden Street, contingent upon the conditions of the licenses.

Seconded by Mr. Flynn Vote: 5:0:0

VIII. EVENT PERMITS - *None*

IX. MINUTES - None

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) **Next Scheduled Selectboard's Meeting** will be on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Mural room.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGee moved that the Board of Selectmen adjourn at approximately 8:35pm.

Seconded by Mr. Flynn Vote: 5:0:0

Minutes submitted by Michelle Seda-Stotts

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

- 1) *BOS Agenda*
- 2) *AARP presentation information by Joanne Moore*
- 3) *Senior Tax Work Off information*
- 4) *Copy of Draft letter to Attorney General regarding HOLTEC*
- 5) *Appointments/Re-Appointments/Resignations*
- 6) *ODLL – Art Complex Museum – Art New England Reception*
- 7) *Announcements*