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DUXBURY, MASS.

## SELECTBOARD

## OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**Present:** Cynthia Ladd Fiorini, Chair; Michael McGee, Vice Chair; Fernando Guitart; and Brian E. Glennon, II (All Remote only)

**Absent:** Renè Read, Town Manager; and Amy MacNab, Clerk

**Staff:** Nancy O'Connor, Executive Assistant; and Michelle Seda-Stotts, Principal Assistant

**Others:** Nancy Rufo-Conservation Admin; Patricia Loring, Open Space Comm; Becky Chin-Co-Chair, Nuclear Advisory Comm; Mary Lampert-Co-Chair, Nuclear Advisory Comm; Jim Lampert, NAC-member.

### CONVENED IN OPEN SESSION (*Via remote participation by Zoom*)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** This meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00am. *Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this meeting will be conducted 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. A transcript or other comprehensive record of proceedings will be available as soon as possible after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so by viewing the Duxbury Government Access Channels – Verizon 39 or Comcast 9. Viewers can visit [www.pactv.org/duxbury](http://www.pactv.org/duxbury) for information about Duxbury programming including streaming on Duxbury You Tube, to watch replays and Video on Demand.*

### 2. **PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE**

### 3. **OPEN FORUM**

Mr. Glennon thanked all Town employees and Eversource for their hard work during the storm on December 18, 2023. Mr. McGee thanked the volunteers for cleaning up the trails after the storm. Everyone did a great job.

### 4. **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***Discussion regarding Nuclear Advisory Committee's request for Letter of Support from the Selectboard regarding Pilgrim/Holtec***

Ms. Lampert stated that the reason the Nuclear Advisory Committee decided to send a letter to the DEP was in recognition of their authority to require monitoring of the vent and the dry cast, due to our proximity to the reactor, it would be in our best interest. There are 1.1M gallons of radioactive and chemically contaminated water that needs to be removed. Holtec was given several options to remove the contaminated water, their choice was to discharge (the water) into Cape Cod Bay. Through the hard work of the Town of Duxbury and the Selectboard, along with many others, the DEP has issued a tentative decision not to allow discharge, hopefully, it will become final. Holtec

stated they would appeal. Their second option would be Evaporation, which would lead to further contamination of radioactive/chemical contaminants into the air via the smoke stack. They also discussed natural evaporation and have placed submersion heaters to make the area more comfortable for the workers and to dry out shipping boxes. Since 2022 to 2023 they have evaporated 200k gallons of unfiltered and contaminated water. This is, to Holtec, the cheapest and most efficient way to dispose of this material. Therefore, we feel that if they are required to real time monitor that stack and provide that information to the DEP and Dept. of Public Health, as well as, made available to the public, should put a break on that option. The second request is to monitor the dry cask, and the requirements for monitoring are insufficient. They do not require any other monitoring, other than having a worker to walk around the cask to see if the egress vent is not blocked (by a bird's nest). They are not required to monitor until 2034 when the first cask is 20 years old. Then they only require monitoring one cask every 5 years. It would be to our best interest to have a state requirement to monitor for heat, as well as, lithium. Mr. McGee inquired about the evaporation being an emission. Mr. Lampert stated no he doesn't see how they would not include evaporated. Mr. Guitart recommended changing the order of discussion of the paragraphs. Ms. Becky Chin, NAC, commented that Mr. Guitart makes a good point to reverse the order of the paragraphs.

Mr. Glennon commented that the letter was well written and thanked Ms. Lampert, Mr. Lampert and the Nuclear Advisory Committee for continuing to monitor these issues. He is very much in support of the letter.

Mr. Guitart moved that the Selectboard execute the letter to Commissioner Bonnie Heiple regarding Pilgrim/Holtec to install, maintain, and use emission monitoring services, as amended.

*Seconded by Mr. Glennon      Roll Call Vote: Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye; Mr. McGee-aye; Mr. Guitart-aye; and Mr. Glennon-aye*

Ms. O'Connor stated that she would make the changes to the letter and have it ready for the Selectboard to sign.

***Discussion regarding Conservation Restriction on Isaac Simmons Farm, Temple Street***

Ms. Patricia Loring stated that this is the permanent Conservation Restriction protecting the Aquifer Protection Overlay District. Ms. Nancy Rufo, CPC-Administrator, thanked Ms. Loring for all her help with the Conservation Restriction. Mr. Guitart thanked Ms. Loring as well. Mr. McGee inquired about the farming that will be done on the farm. Ms. Loring stated that Mr. Jeff Chandler has been currently utilizing it as a hay field. Mr. Glennon recognized all who have worked hard and all their efforts.

Mr. Guitart moved that the Selectboard vote to grant and approve the Isaac Simmons Conservation Restriction (CR#48) to the Wildlands Trust, Inc., pursuant to MGL Chapter 184, Sections 31-33, as presented

*Seconded by Mr. Glennon      Roll Call Vote: Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye; Mr. McGee-aye; Mr. Guitart-aye; and Mr. Glennon-aye*

**Annual renewal of Common Victualler, General and Class II Auto Licenses for 2024**

Mr. Guitart moved that the Selectboard renew the following Class II Auto, General, and Common Victualler Licenses as presented on the attached lists for the Year 2024, subject to satisfactory inspection by the Municipal Services Department and the Board of Health, receipt of all renewal requirements and payment of all funds/fees owed to the Town of Duxbury.

*Seconded by Mr. Glennon      Roll Call Vote: Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye; Mr. McGee-aye; Mr. Guitart-aye; and Mr. Glennon-aye*

**5. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**

Mr. Guitart moved that the Duxbury Selectboard appoint or re-appoint the following:

<u>Board / Committee</u>	<u>Appointment/Re-appointment/Resignation</u>	<u>Term</u>
<b><u>South Shore Recycling Cooperative</u></b>		
Sheila Sgarzi	Appointment	06-30-2026

*Seconded by Mr. Glennon      Roll Call Vote: Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye; Mr. McGee-aye; Mr. Guitart-aye; and Mr. Glennon-aye*

**The following boards/committees have available seats:**

<i>Economic Advisory Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>Finance Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>Fiscal Advisory Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>King Caesar Advisory Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>Nuclear Advisory Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>Recreation Activities Committee</i>	-	<i>one seat</i>
<i>Seawall Committee</i>	-	<i>two seats</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.***

**6. BONUS SHELLFISH SEASON (January 2024)**

Mr. Guitart moved that the Selectboard declare a temporary Bonus Shellfish Season for:

- 1) The commercial harvesting of softshell clams for the month of **JANUARY**. Regulations as attached. (Please see Attachment B & C)
- 2) The commercial harvesting of quahog clams for the month of **JANUARY**. Regulations as attached. (Please see Attachment A & C)

- 3) The recreational harvesting of softshell clams for the month of **JANUARY**. Regulations as attached. (Please see Attachment D)

*Seconded by Mr. Glennon      Roll Call Vote: Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye; Mr. McGee-aye; Mr. Guitart-aye; and Mr. Glennon-aye*

**7.      ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Guitart moved to adjourn at approximately 10:40am.

*Seconded by Mr. Glennon      Roll Call Vote: Ms. Ladd Fiorini-aye; Mr. McGee-aye; Mr. Guitart-aye; and Mr. Glennon-aye*

*Minutes submitted by Michelle Seda-Stotts*

*List of documents in Selectboard file:*

*Selectboard Agenda*

*Letter of Support for NAC*

*Conservation Restriction for Isaac Simmons Farm, Temple Street*

*Common Victuallers, General and Class II Auto Licenses for 2024*

*Committee Appointments*

*Bonus Shellfish Season (January 2024)*