



Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2024

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The Duxbury Community Preservation Committee met in person and remotely at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2024 in the Town Hall Mural Room.

Members Present: Chair Holly Morris (video), Vice Chair Tag Carpenter, Kathy Cross, Tony Kelso, and Bri Leing (video)

Members Absent: Cynthia Ladd Fiorini and Kathy Palmer

Staff Present: Nancy Rufo, Conservation Administrator and Allison Shane, Principal Assistant

Ms. Morris called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and she read the following preamble: Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, 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, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if there are technological problems, unless required by law.

Roll Call Confirmation of Members Present: Ms. Morris: here; Mr. Kelso: here; Ms. Leing: here; Mr. Carpenter: here; Ms. Cross: here

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Carpenter requested to discuss CPC's comprehensive plan action items at the next meeting.

Ms. Rufo provided an update on the Delorenzo Farm. A group went to the farm on Monday, April 1, 2024. Produce field 1 is completely fenced and the sheep were happy. The fields have established rows prepared for planting. The fenced area in the silvo-pasture is being prepared for the sheep. The piles are neater. The chicken and geese appear to be in good shape. There is a lot of water on the property. The next big effort is for Duxbury Construction to finish preparing the area for the wetlands fencing and grind some of the stump and log piles into chips. The NRCS funding was approved for hi-tunnels, irrigation, and fencing. Ms. Rufo is going to ask farmer Brett Sovick for a NRCS funding planning because some of the grant is reimbursed-based. Ms. Rufo suggested visiting the farm once a month.

Mr. Kelso asked about the status of a Facilities Manager and Ms. Rufo mentioned there are two candidates.

FUTURE POTENTIAL CPA APPLICATIONS

Ms. Rufo provided an update on the frog pond behind the library courts. Ms. Rufo, Ms. Cross, and Mr. Kelso conducted a preliminary visit and the pond was larger than they initially thought. They noticed one bench remained and ducks were swimming on the pond. It was noted that debris in the pond needs to be cleaned up, the path needs to be cleared, it would be nice to have a trail around the pond's circumference with a bridge, and more benches should be installed. Ms. Rufo offered to do a site visit with any interested members.

Ms. Cross and Ms. Rufo met with School Superintendent Danielle Klingaman onsite on Monday. Ms. Klingaman was supportive of the project and suggested involving children in the proposal. Ms. Morris asked if Ms. Klingaman mentioned additional playgrounds and Ms. Rufo said no. Ms. Cross

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also connected with Director of Alden House Desiree Mobed and sent her the survey. Ms. Mobed confirmed the pond is not on Alden's property but they are supportive of the project.

Ms. Cross inquired about whether this should be included in the Special Town Meeting in the fall. CPA applications are due on October 15, but applications can be received prior to that. Mr. Kelso noted that an approval in September or October would be good so the work can be completed in the wintertime. Ms. Morris pointed out that the proposal will need to be presented to the Conservation Commission and Mr. Carpenter noted it would also need go to the School Committee. Mr. Kelso inquired about who would be the sponsor and Ms. Rufo said it is typically the property owner.

Mr. Carpenter suggested including a science and educational component about the water quality and watershed. He noted ways it could be integrated into the curriculum. It was agreed that Ms. Rufo would contact Duxbury Construction for an estimate and then reach out to Ms. Klingaman and ask her to be the sponsor.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Duxbury Affordable Housing Trust (DAHT) CPC Point of Contact: Ms. Leing has agreed to be the CPC's representative and point of contact for the Duxbury Affordable Housing Trust. She was unable to attend DAHT's meeting last night but will attend moving forward. If Ms. Leing cannot attend a meeting, she will reach out to CPC members to fill in.

Historical Commission Representative: Mr. Carpenter was sworn in to the Planning Board on Monday. He shared there is no legal reason why someone cannot serve on two committees, but Mr. Carpenter pledged to step down from the Historical Commission if he was elected to the Planning Board. The Historical Commission was reorganized this week and Ed Mayo is now the chair. A CPC representative was not mentioned and Ms. Morris offered to contact Mr. Mayo. Mr. Carpenter is hoping to be the Planning Board's CPC representative.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Meeting Minutes: March 21, 2024 Regular Session

Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes for March 21, 2024 as amended. Mr. Kelso seconded and the motion passed 5 to 0 on roll call vote: Ms. Cross: aye; Mr. Carpenter: aye; Mr. Kelso: aye; Ms. Leing: aye; Ms. Morris: aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:44 a.m. Mr. Carpenter made a motion for the Community Preservation Committee to enter into an Executive Session for the purpose of considering the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate since an Open Meeting may have a detrimental effect on the strategizing and negotiating position of the Town, and, if the chair so declares in accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21, and that the Community Preservation Committee will adjourn at the completion of this Executive Session.

Ms. Morris declared the need for an Executive Session, stating "As Chair, I declare that the necessity for an Executive Session to discuss consideration of the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate, as to do so in an Open Session may have a detrimental effect on the Town's strategizing and negotiating position."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelso and passed 5 to 0 on a roll call vote: Ms. Cross: aye; Mr. Carpenter: aye; Mr. Kelso: aye; Ms. Leing: aye; Ms. Morris: aye.

ADJOURNMENT

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Mr. Kelso made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cross, to adjourn the Executive Session and Public Meeting at 10:41 a.m. The motion passed 5 to 0 on a roll call vote: Ms. Cross: aye; Mr. Carpenter: aye; Mr. Kelso: aye; Ms. Leing; aye; Ms. Morris: aye.

The next Community Preservation Committee meeting is on April 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.