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The purpose of these by-laws is to establish rules conducive to the welfare of the Town of Duxbury and the convenience of its residents, and to provide for the orderly direction and management of its affairs. These by-laws do not represent the only laws or regulations governing the conduct of town affairs; other sources of authority include state statutes, which are generally compiled in the General Laws of the Commonwealth; Special Acts of the Legislature adopted specifically for the Town of Duxbury; the Protective (Zoning) By-Law, a copy of which is maintained with these by-laws; the By-Laws Governing the Classification of Personnel and the Administration of Standard Rates and Salaries and Wages (the Personnel By-Law) and rules and regulations issued by various town departments and approved by the Selectmen where required. An attempt has been made to cross-reference these by-laws to state statutory where applicable, but such cross-references are not complete in all cases and are subject to future amendments by the state legislature.

CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. ADOPTION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

- 1.1.1 The following provisions shall constitute the by-laws of the Town of Duxbury. The acceptance and approval of these by-laws shall specifically repeal any and all general by-laws previously in force. Whenever reference is herein made to these by-laws, it shall include these by-laws as they may from time to time be amended. The invalidity of any chapter, section or provision of these by-laws shall not invalidate any other chapter, section or provision.
- 1.1.2 The repeal of a by-law shall not thereby have the effect of reviving a by-law previously repealed. The repeal of a by-law shall not affect any act done, or any right accrued or established, nor any action in a civil case, nor affect any punishment, penalty or forfeiture incurred under such by-law.
- 1.1.3 Any or all of these by-laws may be repealed or amended or other by-laws may be adopted by a majority vote, except as may otherwise be required by statute, at any town meeting, provided that an article or articles for that purpose have been inserted in the warrant for such town meeting.
- 1.1.4 In accordance with M.G.L. c. 40, Sec. 21D, whoever violates any of the provisions of these by-laws shall, unless other provision is expressly made, forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding \$300.00. Each day the violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. Schedules of fines assessed for such violations shall be set by the Board of Selectmen unless another officer, board, committee or commission is specifically authorized to do so elsewhere in these by-laws.

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1.1.5 Enforcement of these by-laws through criminal or non-criminal proceedings shall be prescribed in Section 4.7.

1.1.6 The Town may enforce any provision of any rule and regulation adopted by the Selectmen and published in the Board of Selectmen's Manual through the Non-Criminal process set forth in M.G.L. Ch. 40:21D.

1.2. ACTS OF THE LEGISLATURE ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN

1.2.1 The Town Clerk shall attach as Appendix A a current list of all Acts of the Legislature accepted by the Town.

1.3. ISSUANCE, DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF LICENSES AND PERMITS FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES

1.3.1 License and Permit issuing authorities of the Town of Duxbury may deny or revoke any local license or permit, (except those listed in section 1.3.2(e) below) including renewals and transfers thereof, to any person, corporation or business enterprise having neglected or refused to pay any local tax, fee, assessment or betterment or any other municipal charge.

1.3.2 Any such denial or revocation of a license or permit shall be subject to the following procedures and conditions:

(a) The tax collector shall annually, and may periodically, furnish to each department, board, commission or division hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board.

(b) The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers to any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing not earlier than fourteen (14) days after said notice.

Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The tax collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license

denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the tax collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or other municipal charges, payable to the town as of the date of issuance of said certificate.

- (c) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.
- (d) The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of the immediate family of any such person, as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 268A, Section 1, in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.
- (e) This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning; M.G.L. c. 48, sec. 13; sales of articles for charitable purposes, M.G.L. c. 101, sec. 33; children's work permits, M.G.L. c. 149, sec. 69; clubs and associations dispensing food or beverage licenses; M.G.L. c. 140, sec. 21E dog licenses, M.G.L. c. 140, sec. 137; fishing; hunting and trapping licenses, M.G.L. c. 131, sec. 12; marriage licenses, M.G.L. c. 207, sec. 28; and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, M.G.L. c. 140, sec. 181.

1.4. DEPARTMENT REVOLVING FUNDS

1.4.1 Purpose

This by-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by specified Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½.

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- 1.4.2 Expenditure Limitations. The specified department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law/ordinance without appropriation subject to the following limitations:
- (a) Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.
 - (b) No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
 - (c) The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Town Meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee.
- 1.4.3 Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this bylaw/ordinance shall be credited to the General Fund.
- 1.4.4 Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½ and this by-law/ordinance, the laws, charter provisions, by-laws/ordinances, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of town/city monies and the expenditure and payment of town/city funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law/ordinance. The town accountant/city auditor shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the town accountant/city auditor provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.
- 1.4.5 Authorized Revolving Funds. The following table establishes:
- (a) Each revolving fund authorized for use by a town/city department, board, committee, agency or officer for Fiscal Year 2019 and all subsequent years;
 - (b) The department or agency head, board, committee or officer authorized to spend from each fund;
 - (c) The fees, charges and other monies charged and received by the department, board, committee; agency or officer in connection with the program or activity for which the fund is established that shall be credited to each fund by the town accountant/city auditor;

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- (d) The expenses of the program or activity for which each fund may be used;
- (e) Any restrictions or conditions on expenditures from each fund; and
- (f) Any reporting or other requirements that apply to each fund.

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	Fees, Charges or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable from Fund
Senior Center	Director, Council on Aging	Senior Center program fees	Senior Center program operations	
Jaycox Tree Farm	Conservation Administrator	Revenues of Tree Farm	Supplies for Tree Farm	
Hazardous Materials Response	Fire Chief	Reimbursements allowed under MGL c. 21E for response to hazardous materials releases	Replacement, repair, and purchase of equipment and supplies and for administrative and firefighter wage expenses associated with fire operations and responses to hazardous materials incidents	
Regional Dispatch Services	Fire Chief	Charges for services	To provide regional dispatch services to member towns	

CHAPTER 2 - TOWN MEETING

2.1. ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND TOWN ELECTIONS

- 2.1.1 The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the second Saturday in March of each year at the hour and location designated by the Selectmen.
- 2.1.2 The Town Clerk shall be responsible for preparing any official ballots for town elections. The election of officers designated on the official ballot, and the voting on such questions or matters as may properly be submitted to vote

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in the official ballots, shall take place two weeks after the commencement of the Annual Town Meeting of each year. The hour of opening the polls, and the setting of any additional voting dates and times, as may be necessary, is to be determined by the Selectmen.

2.2. SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

- 2.2.1 A Special Town Meeting may be called by the Selectmen, the date, hour and location of the meeting to be designated by them, or otherwise pursuant to applicable state statute.

2.3. WARRANTS FOR TOWN MEETING

- 2.3.1 The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for preparing all town meeting warrants. Warrants for all town meetings shall be served by posting an attested copy thereof in each precinct and on the Town's official website, at least seven (7) days before the Annual Town Meeting and fourteen (14) days before a Special Town Meeting. The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall be closed no later than 45 days preceding the date of such meeting. No Annual or Special Town Meeting shall be dissolved until all of the articles contained in the warrant for such meeting shall have been acted upon thereat.

2.4. CONDUCT OF TOWN MEETINGS

- 2.4.1 The general conduct of the town meetings and the duties of the Moderator, not otherwise prescribed by statute or by these by-laws, shall be determined in accordance with "TOWN MEETING TIME" ((copyright Little Brown). Sections 2.4.3 through 2.4.6 of these by-laws constitute approved exceptions to the conduct of town meetings as prescribed by "Town Meeting Time." The Clerk shall maintain with these By-Laws a copy of "Town Meeting Time" available for inspection by any registered voter of the Town.
- 2.4.2 No minimum number of registered voters shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called Annual or Special Town Meeting or any adjournments thereof.
- 2.4.3 All articles shall be acted on in the order of their arrangement in the warrant unless the meeting, by vote, determines to defer action until after a specific subsequent article.
- 2.4.4 A non-voter may be permitted to address the meeting by a majority vote of that meeting.
- 2.4.5 During the meeting, a motion "to lay on the table" will not be considered.

- 2.4.6 Any vote for reconsideration (a) shall require the same quantitative vote as the motion to which it applies, (b) shall be made at the same session as the original motion or the next succeeding session, (c) may be made only once on any one motion, and (d) may only be considered if the proponent provides, in the opinion of the Moderator, factual information that was not available during the session when the original vote was taken.
- 2.4.7 Whenever a two-thirds vote is required on any matter, the Moderator may declare a motion passed by a voice vote of at least two-thirds in favor or failed to obtain a two-thirds vote in favor and a count need not be taken unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters as provided in MGL, Chapter 39, section 15 or otherwise required by law or these By-laws. The Town Clerk shall record the Moderator's declaration that the motion passed by a two-thirds vote in favor or failed to obtain a two-thirds vote in favor.

CHAPTER 3 - ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

3.1. SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen shall consist of three members, one elected each year for a term of three years. In addition to those powers and duties given in Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1987 (Act Providing for a Town Manager, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in these by-laws), the Board of Selectmen shall have the following powers and duties:

- 3.1.1 The Board of Selectmen shall exercise general supervision over all matters affecting the interests or welfare of the Town and shall enforce these by-laws and may take such action in regard thereto, including the use of all remedies and penalties permitted by law or these by-laws, as they believe are in the best interests of the Town.
- 3.1.2 No person hired by the Town following June 30, 2018, shall simultaneously hold any elective office in the Town.
- 3.1.3 The Board of Selectmen shall serve as a committee established pursuant to M.G.L. c. 83, sec. 1 with all the powers and authority usually conferred upon a Board of Sewer Commissioners.
- 3.1.4 The Board of Selectmen shall cause a biennial audit of the Town's financial records to be accomplished which audit shall include the opinion of an independent accountant or accounting firm.

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- 3.1.5 The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a member of the bar in good standing to serve as Town Counsel at their pleasure. The Board of Selectmen may also employ special counsel from time to time whenever, in their judgment, the necessity arises. No town department or official shall request the services of Town Counsel, as such, without first obtaining the consent and approval of the Board of Selectmen.
- 3.1.6 The Board of Selectmen shall conduct an annual written Performance review of the Town Manager.

3.1.7 TOWN OF DUXBURY PERSONNEL BY-LAW

a) Purpose and intent

The purpose of this chapter is to establish fair and equitable system of personnel administration based on merit principles that ensures uniform, efficient application of policies.

b) Application

All employees of the Town, excluding elected officials and employees of the School Department shall be subject to the provisions of this by-law and the personnel policies adopted pursuant thereto. To the extent that the terms of any collective bargaining agreement conflict with any provision of this chapter or personnel policies adopted pursuant thereto, the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement shall prevail. Employees not covered by the terms of a collective bargaining agreement shall be governed by the provisions of this by-law and the personnel policies adopted thereto, and shall not be covered by the terms of any collective bargaining agreement.

c) Adoption of Policies

The Board of Selectmen shall be empowered and authorized by this chapter to adopt personnel policies that establish the rights, benefits and obligations of employees subject to this By-Law. The Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing at least two (2) weeks and not more than two (2) months before the final adoption and/or revision of the Town's personnel policies in accordance with Chapter 41, Section 108A of the Massachusetts General Laws. The Board of Selectmen shall provide the Finance Committee with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed personnel policies for a period of no less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing. Prior to the Board of Selectmen's initial adoption of said policies in accordance with the authority hereunder, such policies shall consist of the provisions of the Town's Personnel Plan in effect at the time of enactment of this bylaw.

d) Personnel System

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The personnel policies adopted pursuant to this Chapter shall establish a personnel system which shall include, but need not be limited to, the following elements:

- Method of administration: a system which assigns responsibility for the personnel system, including maintenance of personnel records, implementation of effective recruitment and selection processes, maintenance of the classification and compensation plans, oversight of the application of policies, and periodic review and evaluation of the personnel system
- Proposed classification and compensation plan(s); provided, however, that the classification plan shall be approved by Town Meeting from time to time, and the compensation plan shall be presented to Town Meeting annually, and both shall be attached herein and incorporated herein as “PART IV - Pay Schedule”; the classification plan in effect at the time of enactment of this bylaw shall continue to apply until such time as Town Meeting approves a new plan or amends the existing plan;
- Classification and compensation plan(s), as deemed appropriate;
- Recruitment and selection policies;
- Central record keeping system;
- Rights and obligations of employees; and
- Other elements of a personnel system as deemed appropriate and necessary

e) Personnel Administration

The Town Manager shall be responsible for the administration of the personnel system and development of a human resources system that meets the needs of the Town. In this capacity, the Town Manager shall have the authority to carry out the following functions, including, but not limited to:

- Appointment and removal of employees (excluding employees who by statute are appointed by officials other than the Board of Selectmen)
- Annual review of compensation and benefits
- Development of methods and standards for selection and appointment of personnel
- Development and administration of performance standards

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- Supervision of performance appraisals; and
- Other functions as circumstances necessitate

f) Severability

The provisions of this chapter and the policies adopted pursuant thereto are severable. In the event any provision of this chapter or any policy adopted pursuant thereto is held invalid, the remaining provisions of the chapter or policy shall remain in full force and effect.

g) Effective Date

This chapter shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

PART IV - Pay Schedule			
<i>Effective July 1, 2018</i>			
Contract Employees			
Town Manager			
Police Chief			
Fire Chief			
Town Accountant			
		Minimum	Maximum
Grade 10 Pay Ranges (FLSA exempt)	Annually	\$90,000	\$140,000
Finance Director			
Department of Public Works Director			
Deputy Fire Chief			
Deputy Police Chief			
Grade 9 Pay Ranges (FLSA exempt)	Annually	\$70,500	\$110,000
Municipal Services Director			
Facilities Director			
Harbormaster			
Human Resources Director			
Information Technology Director			
Library Director			
Public Safety Dispatch Director			
Water & Sewer Superintendent			
Grade 8 Pay Ranges (FLSA exempt)	Annually	\$62,900	\$94,200

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Assessing Director			
Buildings & Grounds Manager			
Cemetery Superintendent			
Conservation Agent			
Council on Aging Director			
Operations Manager			
Planning Director			
Recreation Director			
Treasurer/Tax Collector			
Grade 7 Pay Ranges (FLSA exempt)	Annually	\$50,000	\$75,000
Assistant Assessor			
Animal Control Officer			
Assistant Recreation Director			
Executive Assistant to Town Manager			
Executive Officer			
HVACR Technician			
Information Technology Support Technician			
Health Agent			
Library Division Head-Children's Services			
Library Division Head-Circulation Services			
Library Division Head-Reference Services			
Library Division Head-Technology Services			
Local Building & Code Enforcement Inspector (FLSA non-exempt)			
Grade 6 Pay Ranges (FLSA Exempt)	Annually	\$46,000	\$67,000
Aquatic Supervisor			
Budget Analyst			
DPW Office Manager			
Human Resources Assistant			
Operations Officer			
Outreach Manager, COA			
Respite Program Manager, COA			
Veteran's Service Officer			
Grade 5 Pay Ranges (Mixed FLSA)	Hourly	\$20.00	\$29.00
Admin. Assistant to Chief (FLSA non-exempt)			
Deputy Endangered Species Officer (FLSA exempt)			

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Front Office Manager, COA (FLSA non-exempt)			
Program Manager, COA (FLSA non-exempt)			
Volunteer Manager, COA (FLSA non-exempt)			
Food Service Manager, COA (FLSA non-exempt)			
Grade 4 Pay Ranges (FLSA Non-exempt)			
Admin. Assistant to Town Manager/BOS	Hourly	\$19.00	\$27.50
Admin. Assistant to Director			
Admin. Assistant to Harbormaster			
Admin. Assistant to Cemetery Superintendent.			
Benefits Specialist			
Police Prosecution Assistant			
Finance Supervisor, COA			
Grade 3 Pay Ranges (FLSA Non-exempt)			
Department Assistant	Hourly	\$17.50	\$24.60
Finance Assistant, COA			
Outreach Coordinator, COA			
Program Coordinator, Activities, COA			
Program Coordinator, Home Delivered Meals, COA			
Program Coordinator, Media/Comm., COA			
Grade 2 Pay Ranges (FLSA Non-exempt)			
Program Assistant, Front Desk, COA	Hourly	\$16.00	\$21.50
Program Assistant, Respite, COA			
Grade 1 Pay Ranges (FLSA Non-exempt)			
Food Service Associate, COA	Hourly	\$14.50	\$19.50
Administrative Associate, COA			
Schedule P.S. (FLSA Non-exempt)			
Building Inspector	Hourly	\$22.00	\$30.76
Plumbing/Gas Inspector			
Wiring Inspector			
Police Officers (FLSA Non-exempt)			
Intermittent Police	Hourly	\$16.48	\$21.64

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Compensation Schedule A		
Classification	Pay Rate	
Alternate Inspector of Buildings	\$22.00	per hour
Alternate Plumbing Inspector	\$22.00	per hour
Alternate Wiring Inspector	\$22.00	per hour
Special Detail	Appropriate detail rate	

Compensation Schedule B		
Classification	Pay Rate	
Clerical Assistance for Town Committees and Boards (non- union positions only)	Appropriate rate as determined by Town Manager	
Clerk, Registrar of Voters	Pursuant to MGL, Ch. 41, Section 19G	
Election Warden	\$13.00	per hour
Election Worker	\$11.00	per hour
Inspector of Animals	\$900.00	per year
Juvenile Officer	\$150.00	per year
Lockup Keeper	None	
Police Matron	\$11.00	per hour
Registrar of Voters	\$100.00 \$14.00	per year per hour
Sealer of Weights & Measures	\$3,000.00	per year
Town Clock Custodian	\$200.00	per year

Compensation Schedule R			
		Minimum	Maximum
Classification	Hourly	\$11.00	<u>\$35.00</u> <u>\$50.00</u>
Animal Shelter Attendant			
Call Firefighter (2 hour minimum per call)			
Emergency Operations Center Specialist			
Coastal Natural Resources Monitor Supervisor			
Coastal Natural Resources Monitor			
Coastal Natural Resources Officer			
Harbormaster Assistant			
Instructor			
Librarian Intermittent			
Lifeguard			

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Program Coordinator	
Recreation Specialist	
Recreation Supervisor	
Part-time Public Safety Dispatcher	
Seasonal (Laborer) Helper	
Seasonal Intern	
Senior Work Off	
Special Police Officer	
Bus Dispatcher	
Bus Driver	
Water Safety Instructor	

3.2. ASSESSORS

3.2.1 The Board of Assessors shall consist of three members, one elected each year for a term of three years. The duties of the Assessors shall be such as are stated in M.G.L. c. 41, sec. 29, as from time to time amended, and M.G.L. c. 59, sec. 38, as from time to time amended.

3.3. MODERATOR

3.3.1 The Moderator shall hold no other Town Office. The Moderator's term of office shall be three years. In addition to presiding at all Annual and Special Town Meetings, the Moderator shall make those appointments referred to in Chapter 5.1 of these by-laws and appointments as required by State statute and/or by Town Meeting actions.

3.4. TOWN CLERK

3.4.1 The Town Clerk's term of office shall be three years. The duties of the Clerk shall be such as are stated in M.G.L. c. 41, sec. 15, as from time to time amended.

3.4.2 The Town Clerk shall furnish all boards and committees and officers with a copy of all votes affecting them.

3.4.3 All deeds and instruments which convey any interest in real property to the Town (title documents) shall, when returned to the Town, be filed with the Town Clerk's office. The Town Clerk shall be custodian of all title documents and shall maintain an index, by grantor and location, for all title documents on file with the Town Clerk's office.

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3.5. SCHOOL COMMITTEE

- 3.5.1 The School Committee shall consist of five members all for three-year staggered terms, two elected one year, two elected the following year, and one elected the third year. The duties of the School Committee shall be such as are stated in applicable sections of M.G.L. c. 71, as from time to time amended.

3.6. LIBRARY TRUSTEES

- 3.6.1 The Board of Library Trustees shall consist of six trustees, two to be elected each year, all for a three-year terms. The duties of the Library Trustees shall be such as are stated in M.G.L. c. 78, sec. 11 as from time to time amended.

3.7. PLANNING BOARD

- 3.7.1 The Planning Board shall consist of seven members, all for five-year staggered terms.

- 3.7.2 The duties of the Board shall be such as are stated in M.G.L. c. 41, sections 81-A through 81-GG, as from time to time amended.

3.8. HOUSING AUTHORITY

- 3.8.1 The Duxbury Housing Authority shall consist of five members, four to be elected, and one to be appointed by the Governor, all for five-year staggered terms. The duties of the Housing Authority shall be such as are stated in M.G.L. c. 121B, sec. 26 as from time to time amended.

3.9. VACANCIES

- 3.9.1 Vacancies in any and all offices enumerated in Chapter 3, including those vacancies resulting from failure to elect, are provided for under M.G.L. c. 121B and M.G.L. c. 41, sections 10, 11 and 81-A.

3.10. TERM OF OFFICE

- 3.10.1 The term of office of any elected officer shall commence immediately following his or her election and swearing-in, except that the office of Town Clerk shall commence on the seventh day succeeding his or her election.

3.11. RESIDENTS AS ELECTED OFFICERS

- 3.11.1 All elected officers shall be registered voters of the Town of Duxbury.

CHAPTER 4 - TOWN MANAGER

A Town Manager, who shall be the chief administrative and financial officer of the Town, shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1987 (Act Providing for a Town Manager). Attention is directed to such Act, as amended from time to time, for extensive statutory provisions regarding the duties of the Town Manager. A copy thereof appears as Appendix B. In addition to those powers and duties given in said Act, the Town Manager shall have the following powers and duties:

- 4.1 The Town Manager shall keep the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee simultaneously informed as to the financial condition of the town and provide periodic reports enumerating account balances in summary form with detailed back-up, and provide a detailed operating statement of revenues and expenses. His periodic reports will include comparisons of revenues and expenses against budget expectations, and projections of same through year end. He shall simultaneously alert the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee of any significant, unanticipated changes in the town's financial condition or operations.
 - 4.1.1 There shall be established a Department of Finance which shall be under the jurisdiction of the Town Manager. The Department of Finance shall have the powers and duties now vested in or exercised by the following departments: Town Accountant and Town Treasurer/Collector. These departments shall become divisions of the Department of Finance. It is the intent of this bylaw that all financial activities of the Town shall be consolidated and coordinated by the Department of Finance.
 - 4.1.2 The Town Manager shall appoint a Director of Finance to oversee and direct the duties and responsibilities of the Department of Finance. The Director shall have full authority for operations and staffing of the Department of Finance, subject to the approval of the Town Manager.
 - 4.1.3 The Deputy Assessor appointed by the Board of Assessors, shall coordinate the activities of the office of Assessors with the Department of Finance.
- 4.2 He shall, at such time as the Selectmen may direct but, in any event not later than ninety (90) days before an Annual Town Meeting, submit to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, and the Fiscal Advisory Committee a proposed budget for the ensuing Fiscal Year.
- 4.3 He shall, at such time as the Board of Selectmen may direct but, in any event not later than seventy-five (75) days before an Annual Town Meeting, submit to the Finance Committee and the Fiscal Advisory Committee the proposed Town budget as reviewed by the Board of Selectmen.

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- 4.4 He shall, at such time as directed by the Board of Selectmen, but in any event not later than seventy-five (75) days before an Annual Town Meeting submit to the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the Fiscal Advisory Committee a five year Capital Improvements Program.
- 4.5 He shall have the authority and duty, consistent with other laws, to issue and revoke permits to specific persons to engage in the breaking or digging up of any part of any street or aiding in the same.
- 4.6 He shall establish procedures so that any town agency may sell or otherwise dispose of any property or material within its possession or control, which has become obsolete or is not required for further use by it, not exceeding \$500.00 in value.
- 4.7 The Town Manager or his agent, as agents of the Selectmen, may institute prosecute, defend, compromise and settle claims, actions, suits or other proceedings brought by, in behalf of, or against the Town. He may employ counsel and special counsel when authorized by the Selectmen. As an alternative to enforcement through criminal proceedings, to recover a fine as provided herein, the following non-criminal disposition may be made of any violation or any ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation of any municipal officer, board or department, the violation of which is subject to the specific penalty stated in Section 1.1.4 or any other specific penalty provided by law.
- Any person noting a violation of any such ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation which he is empowered to enforce, may serve the offender with a written notice to appear before the Clerk of Plymouth District Court not later than twenty-one (21) days after the date of the notice. Any person notified to appear before the Clerk of the Plymouth District Court may appear and confess the offense charged, either personally or through an agent or by mailing with the notice such specific sum of money as the Town shall fix as a penalty for violation of the by-law, rule or regulation. The payment to the Town Clerk of such sum shall operate as a final disposition of the case. If any person so notified to appear desires to contest the alleged violation, he may, within twenty-one (21) days after the date of the notice, request a hearing in writing.
- 4.8 He shall maintain records of all lawsuits and documents relating to the legal affairs of the Town and coordinate the process of storing said records with the Town Clerk.
- 4.9 He shall appoint the Director of Public Works in accordance with Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1987. The Department of Public Works was established in accordance with Chapter 266 of the Acts of 1985 of the Massachusetts Legislature, a copy of which is appended as Appendix C to these By-Laws.

- 4.10 The Town Manager shall hire the Town Planner in consultation with the Planning Board, and shall coordinate the activities of the planning department.

CHAPTER 5 - APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

5.1 APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE MODERATOR

Cemetery Trustees
Duxbury Beach Committee
Finance Committee
Fiscal Advisory Committee
Water and Sewer Advisory Board
Any other positions as designated by Town Meeting

5.2 APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Agricultural Commission
Board of Appeals
Board of Health
Conservation Commission
*Constables (M.G.L. c. 41, sec. 91A)
*Council on Aging
*Election Officers
Duxbury Bay Management Commission
Historical Commission
*Registrars of Voters
*Town Counsel
*Town Manager

All other Committees, boards and commissions, except those which are by action of Town Meeting, to be appointed by the Moderator and except those which are elected by the voters.

5.3 APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE TOWN MANAGER

*Animal Control Officer
*Building Inspector
*Conservation Administrator
*Council on Aging Administrator
*Director of Municipal Services
*Director of Public Works

- *Director of Veterans Services and Agent
- *Facilities Director
- *Fire Chief
- *Director of Finance
- *Harbormaster
- *Inspectors (except as designated by General Law)
- *Police Chief
- *Recreation Director
- *Sealer of Weights and Measures
- *Shellfish Warden
- *Town Accountant
- *Town Collector-Treasurer
- *Town Planner
- *Tree Warden
- *Zoning Enforcement Officer

Any other positions as designated by Town Meeting.

5.4 OTHER APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

- Superintendent of Schools (by the School Committee)
- Library Director (by the Library Trustees)
- Assistant Assessor (by the Assessors)

*Asterisks indicate those appointments which are made pursuant to specific statutory authority and which may not be altered by amendment of these by-laws without amendment of state statute.

CHAPTER 6 - COMMITTEES

6.1. COMMITTEES

- 6.1.1 Except as otherwise provided by law or these by-laws, the provisions of this chapter shall apply to appointed town committees. For the purpose of this chapter, the terms "Committee" or "Committees" shall include boards and commissions.
- 6.1.2 Any person chosen to serve as a member of a committee shall be a registered voter of the Town and shall receive notice of appointment from the appointing authority. The Town Clerk shall keep a record of the members of a committee.
- 6.1.3 The first appointed member of a newly created committee shall call the first meeting and preside over the election of a chairman and clerk.

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- 6.1.4 A committee vacancy occurs when a committee member:
- (a) resigns as defined in MGL, chapter 41, sec. 109;
 - (b) is removed for cause by the appointing authority;
 - (c) ceases to be a registered voter of the Town;
 - (d) is barred by law from service in the position;
 - (e) no longer qualifies to hold office; or
 - (f) completes his term of office.
- 6.1.5 A vacancy in a committee shall be filled by the appointing authority in accordance with its powers and applicable authority.
- 6.1.6 Committees created by state statute or these Town by-laws shall be permanent. Committees created by vote of Town Meeting shall have a term as set forth in the Town Meeting vote; if no such term is set forth, the committee shall continue until discharged by the Selectmen upon completion of its duties. Committees created by the Selectmen shall serve at the discretion of the Selectmen. Appointments to standing committees shall be made not earlier than 30 days prior to, and shall become effective as of, the first day of the next fiscal year, except as otherwise provided by statute, these by-laws, or vote of Town Meeting. Unless otherwise provided by law or these by-laws, the term of a committee shall commence on the first day of the next fiscal year or, in the case of a newly-created committee, then within 30 days of the committee's creation, and shall be for a term ending at the last day of the current fiscal year, unless another term is established or the original term is extended by vote of Town Meeting or the appointing authority. All standing committees with terms in excess of three years shall have appointments made in such manner that the expiration of terms shall be on a staggered basis, and accordingly the original appointments may be for lesser terms.
- 6.1.7 A committee shall be discharged from its duties upon occurrence of any of the following:
- (a) when required by law;
 - (b) by vote of a Town Meeting or other appointing authority;
 - (c) at the expiration of a committee's term of office, or any extension thereof;
 - (d) when the work of the committee is completed.
- The Town Clerk shall be notified upon the discharge of a committee.
- 6.1.8 All committees of the Town shall meet at least annually.
- 6.1.9 All committees of the Town shall cause records of their activities and accounts to be kept in suitable form.

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- 6.1.10 All officers and committees of the Town shall file annual reports with the Selectmen on or before October 15th of the following year. The Town shall print all Reports of Town officials and boards, committees and commissions on a Fiscal Year basis in its Annual report.

6.2. BOARD OF APPEALS - ZONING

- 6.2.1 The Board of Appeals-Zoning (sometimes referred to herein as the Board of Zoning Appeals or the Zoning Board) shall consist of five members appointed by the Selectmen. The Selectmen shall also appoint at least two associate members annually.

- 6.2.2 The Board of Appeals -Zoning appointed and acting under the (Zoning) Protective By-Law, Section 906, shall constitute the Board of Appeals under the Subdivision Control Law with the powers and duties granted by the law.

6.3. BOARD OF HEALTH

- 6.3.1 The Board of Health shall consist of five members appointed by the Selectmen for three-year staggered terms. The Board of Selectmen shall also appoint one (1) alternate member who shall serve for a term of three (3) years. The Chair of the Board of Health may designate the alternate member to sit on the Board in case of absence, inability to act or conflict of interest on the part of any member thereof, or in the event of a vacancy on the board until said vacancy is filled. The Board of Health shall perform the duties as set forth in the General Laws.

6.4. CEMETERY TRUSTEES

- 6.4.1 The Board of Cemetery Trustees shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Moderator for five-year staggered terms.

- 6.4.2 The Cemetery Trustees shall act the Town's advisory board for cemetery issues. They shall serve as advisors to Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, the Director of Public Works, the Cemetery Superintendent, and to any other board, committee or official requesting its assistance. In addition to the duties contained in M.G.L. c. 114, section 25 and Chapter 266 of the Acts of 1985, the specific duties of the Cemetery Trustees shall include:

- (a) The annual establishment of rates for cemetery and crematory services including the sale of lots, with approval from the Board of Selectmen.

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- (b) Assisting the Director of Public Works and the Cemetery Superintendent on the development and implementation of long-range cemetery expansion and improvement.
- (c) Advising town authorities on all matters affecting cemeteries.
- (d) Maintaining of special trust funds pertaining to cemeteries which are in the hands of the Treasurer and advising the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen, the Department of Public Works Director and the Town Meeting as to the annual disposition of these funds.

6.5. CONSERVATION COMMISSION

- 6.5.1 The Conservation Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Selectmen for three-year staggered terms. The Conservation Commission shall perform the duties as set forth in the General Laws.

6.6. DUXBURY BEACH COMMITTEE

- 6.6.1 The Duxbury Beach Committee shall consist of twelve Members appointed by the Moderator, which shall include the Police Chief, the Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden and the Conservation Administrator or their designees; three designees of the Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc., and six members at-large, one of whom shall be a Duxbury Beach year-round resident, to three-year staggered terms.

- 6.6.2. The Duxbury Beach Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- (a) The Committee shall advise the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, the Finance Committee and any other relevant agency of the Town on the use and management of the town leased portion of the beach, and make recommendations to the Town Manager for the coordinated management of the beach so that its use will be a safe, sanitary and enjoyable recreation experience, and for the proper maintenance of the Powder Point Bridge.
- (b) The Committee shall consult and cooperate with the Duxbury Beach Reservation, Inc., the Gurnet Saquish Association and the Duxbury Beach Residents Association, for the protection and preservation of the beach.

6.7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 6.7.1 The Finance Committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the Moderator for three-year staggered terms. Members of the Committee shall hold no other Town office except as otherwise herein specifically provided or as specifically provided in a vote of Town Meeting establishing an ad hoc committee. The Finance Committee shall consider all municipal questions

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for the purpose of making reports and recommendations to the Town in accordance with M.G.L. c. 39, section 16.

- 6.7.2 Before a warrant for a Town Meeting is published, the Town Manager shall transmit a copy thereof to the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and such Committee shall hear all citizens known to it to be interested in any article of the warrant, and shall confer or consult with such departments, officers, committees or employees as may have information concerning the subject matter of the articles in the warrant, following which the Committee shall return the warrant to the Selectmen, together with their recommendations thereto which shall be included with a copy of the warrant when published for distribution.

6.8. FISCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- 6.8.1 The Fiscal Advisory Committee shall consist of nine members appointed by the Moderator for three year staggered terms. When practical, at least three members shall be former members of the Finance Committee. The primary focus of the Fiscal Advisory Committee shall be advising the Selectmen, Town Manager, Finance Committee and Town meeting on strategic planning and long-range financial management.

- 6.8.2 Before a warrant for Town Meeting is published, the Town Manager shall transmit a copy thereof to the Chairman of the Fiscal Advisory Committee. The Committee shall review annual financial projections and prepare recommendations with regard to overall financial management including capital expenditures and the use of borrowed funds. The committee shall also consult with any town departments, officers, committees or employees having information pertaining to warrant articles on the following matters:

- (a) The acquisition or improvement of land;
- (b) New construction or major reconstruction of town facilities such as streets, bridges or buildings;
- (c) Renovation or preventive maintenance projects not normally undertaken within a department;
- (d) Capital expenditure or project with a cost of \$100,000 or more;
- (e) Any article pertaining to or involving the use of group insurance, town retirement, borrowing or the Stabilization Fund.

Following its financial analysis, the Fiscal Advisory Committee shall return to the Selectmen, the Town Manager and the Finance Committee its recommendation, which shall be included with a copy of the warrant when published for distribution.

- 6.8.3 The Fiscal Advisory Committee shall make a report to the Annual Town Meeting, which shall include an analysis of:
- (a) Free Cash

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- (b) the Retirement Fund
- (c) the Stabilization Fund
- (d) the Interest and Maturing Debt
- (e) the status of the Water Enterprise Account.

6.8.4 In addition to other matters that may be referred to them by the Selectmen, the Town Manager, the Finance Committee or Town Meeting, the Committee shall regularly review and report to the Selectmen, Town Manager, Finance Committee and Town Meeting on the Town's financial policies and condition, including but not limited to:

- (a) the adequacy of current and future revenues to meet present and future appropriations;
- (b) the adequacy of local receipts to meet the cost of services that are or might be covered by fees;
- (c) the maximization of earnings on idle cash and other funds;
- (d) the allocation of adequate resources to meet the Town's retirement liability costs;
- (e) the status of the Town's long term capital plan including but not limited to an orderly schedule for vehicle, and major equipment, and building renovation and replacement.

6.9. HISTORICAL COMMISSION

6.9.1 The Historical Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Selectmen for three-year staggered terms. The Historical Commission shall perform the duties set forth in M.G.L. c. 40, section 8D, as from time to time amended.

6.10. RESERVED

6.11. WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY BOARD

6.11.1 The Water and Sewer Advisory Board shall consist of three members appointed by the Moderator for three-year staggered terms.

6.11.2 The Water and Sewer Advisory Board shall act the Town's official research, monitoring and advocacy board for water quality and supply and sewer issues. It shall serve as advisor to Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, the Director of Public Works, the Superintendent of Water, the Finance Committee, Fiscal Advisory Committee and any other board, committee or official requesting its assistance.

6.11.3 The specific duties of the Water and Sewer Advisory Board shall include:

- (a) making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen with regard to the annual setting of water rates in accordance with M.G.L. c. 41,

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sec. 69B, and such other matters as may apply to the services of the DPW Water Division, and which are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen;

- (b) assisting the Department of Public Works Director and Superintendent of Water in the development and implementation of long-range system improvement plans;
- (c) collecting information as appropriate to inform and advise the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting of water and sewer issues;
- (d) holding review authority over water resource matters that arise as the result of subdivision and Special Permit applications made to the Planning Board and/or the Zoning Board of Appeals; as specified in the Protective By-Law, which shall include but may not be limited to available water supply, ground water quality, and the general impacts of development on the Town's water system and capacity of water production facilities, and any other proposals submitted to the Town to extend public water to new developments or areas previously not serviced by the public system;
- (e) monitoring and advising Town authorities on legislation, regulatory changes, technology and DPW Water Division management needs;
- (f) coordinating with the Director of Public Works, the Superintendent of Water and the Town Engineer, to schedule and implement system improvements or additions, institute new or revised rules and regulations, conduct studies and projects as may be required to maintain and improve the distribution system or enhance public appreciation for water quality and conservation activities, and advise and oversee the implementation of new or revised water division programs.

6.11.4. To meet its responsibilities, the Water and Sewer Advisory Board shall be afforded reasonable access to consulting engineers to the Division of Water, DPW, Town Engineer and Director of Public Works and shall meet regularly with the DPW Director and Superintendent of Water.

6.12 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

6.12.1 Establishment

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of seven (7) voting members pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B. The composition of the committee, the appointment authority and the term of office for the committee members shall be as follows:

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One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Conservation Commission for a term of three years.

One member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Historical Commission for a term of three years.

One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Planning Board for a term of three years.

One member of the Housing Authority as designated by the Housing Authority for a term of three years.

One member of the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee as designated by the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee for a term of three years.

Two members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, each for a term of three years.

Should any of the Commissions, Boards, or Committees who have appointment authority under this Chapter be no longer in existence for whatever reason, the appointment authority for that Commission, Board, Authority, or Committee shall become the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen.

6.12.2 **Duties**

- (1) The Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The Committee shall consult with the existing municipal boards, including the Conservation Commission, the Historical Commission, the Planning Board, the Open Space and Recreation Planning Committee and the Housing Authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the Committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the Town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town.
- (2) The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, for the acquisition and preservation of historic resources, for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, for the creation, preservation and support of community housing and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open

space, historic resources, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

- (3) The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendation to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient revenues are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

6.12.3 Requirement for a quorum and cost estimates

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The community preservation committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

6.12.4 Amendments

This Chapter may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not cause a conflict to occur with MGL. Chapter 44B.

6.12.5 Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this chapter be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

6.13 ECONOMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Economic Advisory Committee shall consist of seven members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year staggered terms. The Committee membership shall include a recommended representative and/or designee from the Planning Board, three representatives from the business community and three residents at large. The Board of Selectmen may, in addition, designate one of its members as a non-voting, *ex officio* member of the Committee. The Economic Advisory Committee shall support and promote efforts to

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foster economic strategies working with the local business community within the Town of Duxbury.

6.14 DUXBURY BAY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

6.14.1 The Duxbury Bay Management Commission (DBMC) shall consist of nine members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to three year staggered terms. In appointing members, the Selectmen shall consider individuals representing varied interests of the Bay including but not limited to aquaculture, boating, commercial and not for profit waterfront users, ecology, shellfish and finfish and other residents at large whose experience will enhance the diversity of the Commission.

6.14.2 The mission of the DBMC is: To develop, implement and maintain a management plan that will enhance and preserve the ecological health, pristine waters and the natural beauty of Duxbury Bay for future generations while sustaining harmony among its users.

6.14.3 The DBMC shall have the following powers and duties:

- 1) Evaluate and review any proposed change in Bay use and access, inclusive of structures and all Bay related issues requiring the action of the Board of Selectmen (BOS), Duxbury Conservation Commission (DCC), Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), Planning Board (PB), Harbormasters Office (HM) and the Board of Health (BOH), involving Coastal Resource Areas as defined in M.G.L. C 131 sec. 40 and the Town of Duxbury Wetlands Bylaw (Chap. 9 General Bylaws of the Town of Duxbury).
 - i) Bay related issues and proposed changes will be evaluated at a minimum in terms of impacts on the following:
 - (a) public safety, health and welfare
 - (b) ecology and sensitive receptors including wildlife
 - (c) uses and appropriateness of uses and access
 - (d) scenic views and aesthetic issues
 - (e) levels of public and private services
 - (f) supporting landslide infrastructure
 - ii) Based on the above evaluation, the DBMC shall make recommendations and comments to the responsible regulatory or policy setting authorities.
- 2) Recommended changes to regulations and policies. Submit recommendations and comments to the Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting and other regulatory authorities to change Town Bylaws, regulations and policies as needed to achieve the mission of the DBMC.

- 3) Provide a voluntary forum for dispute resolution for projects and use impacts and conflicts on the Bay.
- 4) Develop and implement a restoration, enhancement and management program to maintain and restore the Bay ecology and harmony among its uses by:
 - (a) Maintaining a central repository of environmental health indicators and uses.
 - (b) Providing ongoing monitoring of environmental health indicators.
 - (c) Convening integrated work groups to identify prioritize and address Bay ecology and use issues.
 - (d) Developing program to install best management practices for Town storm drain system and other non-point sources of pollution.
 - (e) Providing project management to supplement existing Town staff for ecological and other Bay related projects.
 - (f) Seeking funds and grants for implementation of projects.
 - (g) Supporting existing and developing new education and outreach programs to:
 1. Educate the next generation of Bay stewards.
 2. Inform users of their impact and responsibilities.
 3. Support Bay projects.
- 5) Maintain the management plan as a living document to guide the work of DBMC by:
 - (a) Using the Plan as a guide in all the DBMCh's recommendations, plan updates and activities.
 - (b) Reviewing the updating the Plan at a minimum every five years.
 - (c) Incorporating proposed Plan changes on an ongoing basis as needed.
 - (d) Appointing subcommittees or work groups to further study issues identified by DBMC.
- 6) Recognize the Bay's interdependence and explore cooperative Bay management with the Towns of Kingston and Plymouth.

6.14.4 With approval of Town meeting, the DBMC shall have authority to hire staff and/or consultants using private and public grants and other appropriations. And further to amend Chapter 9 in the last sentence of 9.1.6-see this section.

6.15 DUXBURY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Duxbury Agricultural Commission shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Board of Selectmen; of which five (5) shall be actively engaged in farming and two (2) shall have an interest in farming. The terms shall stagger on three year intervals with the initial terms being: three members for three years; two members for two years and two (2) members for one year and for three years thereafter. The Duxbury Agricultural

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Commission will represent the Town of Duxbury's agricultural community and interests. The Selectmen and said Commission shall develop a work plan to guide its activities. Such activities shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- Serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in Duxbury,
- Promote agricultural-based economic opportunities for the Town,
- Act as mediators, advocates, educators and /or negotiators, in an advisory capacity on farming issues for residents and established Town committees and departments,
- Work for the preservation of both Town-owned and privately owned agricultural lands and,
- Pursue all initiatives appropriate to creating a sustainable agricultural community.

For all purposes of this Bylaw, agriculture is defined as farming in all its branches without limitation including aqua-culture, livestock and farming.

6.16 **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

6.16.1 The Audit Committee shall consist of three (3) members:

Two members shall be members of the Finance Committee, appointed or reappointed annually by the Finance Committee Chairperson; and

One member shall be a member of the Fiscal Advisory Committee, appointed or reappointed annually by the Fiscal Advisory Committee Chairperson.

When practical, all members of the Audit Committee shall have professional experience in accounting, finance, law, or business management.

6.16.2 The Audit Committee shall assist the Board of Selectmen in providing oversight of the independent audit of the Town's financial statements, including:

- a) Soliciting, interviewing and recommending an auditor, and reviewing the auditor's performance and statement of independence;
- b) Suggesting the auditor's scope of services;
- c) Reviewing the audit results and all accompanying financial statements;
- d) Reviewing management letter comments;
- e) Reporting on all of the above to the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Finance Committee.

The members of the Audit Committee shall adopt a description of its responsibilities and policies. This charge shall be approved by the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen and shall be reviewed every three (3) years.

6.17 ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS

The Town has voted to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23D, which shall apply to all Adjudicatory Hearings conducted by the Town's Boards, Committees, Councils and Commissions as set forth in Chapters 3 and 6 of these Bylaws.

CHAPTER 7 - PUBLIC SAFETY

7.1 ANIMAL CONTROL

- 7.1.1 No person shall own or keep a dog in the Town of Duxbury ("Town"), six months of age or older, unless a license for such dog is obtained annually from the Town Clerk. Licenses are issued for the period January 1st through December 31st. Prior to the issuance of a license, including kennel licenses, the owner or keeper of said dog shall pay the current fee(s) due, as well as all outstanding unpaid license fees and penalty charges. The fees for all licenses, including kennel licenses, late charges, transfer fees and fines shall be set by the Board of Selectmen as provided in Section 7.10 of these By-laws, unless otherwise established in Section 7.1.10 and unless Town Meeting approval is required by G.L. c. 140, § 139 or other applicable law.
- 7.1.2 Any person owning, keeping or responsible for a dog shall not cause or permit the dog to run at large in any of the streets or public places in the Town or upon premises, other than the premises of such owner, keeper or responsible person, unless the owner or lawful occupant of such other premises grants permission therefor. All dogs in a public place or street within the Town shall be effectively restrained and controlled by a chain or leash, or otherwise under the immediate and effective control of a handler, or confined to a motor vehicle. Compliance with this Section is determined by the enforcement officer (see Section 7.1.10 below).
- 7.1.3 This Animal Control By-law shall not be construed to limit or prohibit the use of hunting dogs during the hunting season, the training of hunting dogs by a qualified person or the conducting of field trials for hunting dogs.
- 7.1.4 It shall be the duty of the Animal Control Officer, and any Assistant Animal

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Control Officer appointed by the Town Manager, to apprehend any dog found running at large and to impound such dog in the Town Pound or another boarding facility. The Animal Control Officer, or impounding officer, shall make a complete record of each impounding in a registry, kept for such purpose, which shall contain the following information: breed; color; sex; license status; license number, if any; status of rabies vaccination; and the name and address of the owner, if known.

Within a reasonable period of time after such impounding, the Animal Control Officer will make reasonable efforts to identify and notify the owner, keeper or responsible person of an impounded dog of such impoundment. The owner, keeper or responsible person may reclaim the dog so impounded upon payment of the license fee, if unpaid, and the payment of the charges of impoundment, which shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen as provided in Section 7.10 of these By-Laws.

- 7.1.5 Any person owning, keeping or responsible for a dog shall not allow said dog to disturb the peace.
- 7.1.6 Owners or keepers of dogs, cats and ferrets shall be responsible for obtaining rabies vaccinations for each such dog, cat or ferret. Dogs must have tags with vaccination certification secured to it, and the owners of, keepers of or person responsible for cats or ferrets must have such tags available for inspection upon request.
- 7.1.7 Licenses for dogs are to be secured to said dog.
- 7.1.8 Each person who owns, possesses, or controls a dog shall remove and properly dispose of any feces left by his/her dog on any street, walkway, public place or private property of another. This section shall not apply to a service dog accompanying any disabled person.
- 7.1.9 The Animal Control Officer, or any other person who may enforce the provisions of this By-Law, may seek out, capture and confine any dog running at large and not under the control of any owner, keeper or responsible person, any dog that poses a danger to public safety, or any dog without proper licensing or tagging in violation of this By-Law and applicable State law. If the Animal Control Officer determines that a dog poses a threat to public safety, that officer may ban the dog from some, or all of Duxbury public lands and ways, pending a hearing with the Board of Selectmen as described below. The Animal Control Officer or other enforcing agent may issue fines for violation of this Animal Control By-Law as described in Section 7.1.10 below. Any person, including the Animal Control Officer, may file a complaint to the Board of Selectmen about a nuisance dog or a dangerous dog that may threaten public safety. The Board of Selectmen shall then cause an investigation of the complaint, hold a

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hearing and make a determination about the proper response to the complaint, all in accordance with the requirements of G.L. c. 140, § 157.

- 7.1.10 Pursuant to G.L. c. 140, § 141, any violation of the licensing or kennel inspection requirements of this By-Law shall result in the following fines:

First offense: \$50.00; and
Second and all subsequent offenses: \$100.00.

The penalty for any other violation of each provision of this Animal Control By-Law shall be as follows:

First offense: \$25.00;
Second offense: \$50.00;
Third offense: \$100.00; and
Fourth and all subsequent offenses: \$200.00

The Animal Control Officer and any Assistant Animal Control Officer, as appointed by the Town Manager, shall be the primary enforcement agent for violations of the By-Law. However, other town officers may enforce these provisions as secondary agents. The officers are: the Health Agent, Conservation Administrator, Harbormaster, Assistant Harbormaster, Coastal and Natural Resources Department Personnel, and Police Officers. The Town Manager, at any time, may identify additional secondary enforcement agents. The Harbormaster, Assistant Harbormaster, Coastal and Natural Resources personnel may also enforce any other animal control rules or regulations imposed at Duxbury Beach.

7.2. TOWN LANDINGS

- 7.2.1 No portion of any Town landing shall be leased to any private party and no building shall be erected or maintained on any Town landing except by the Town for public use.

7.3. TRAFFIC RULES AND ORDERS

- 7.3.1 Under the authority of M.G.L., c. 40, sec. 22, the Board of Selectmen shall adopt and, from time to time, amend, with the approval of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, traffic regulations for the Town.

7.4. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

- 7.4.1 **Definitions:** The following words as used in this By-Law, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the following meanings:

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Beach: Any beach under the care and control of the Town and beaches within the limits of the Town to which the public has the right of access.

Conservation Land: Any conservation land under the care and control of the Town.

Park: Any public park under the care and control of the Town, and to include Town-owned cemeteries and tombs.

Playground: Any playground under the care and control of the Town.

Private Parking Areas: Any private parking area throughout the Town to which the public has the general right of access.

Public Parking Areas: Any public parking area under the care and control of the Town.

Public Ways: All ways to which the public has the right of access.

Town Forest: Any Town forest under the care and control of the Town.

7.4.2 **Consumption in Public Prohibited**

No person shall drink or consume alcoholic beverages as defined in M.G.L. c. 138, section 1 while on, in, or upon the public ways and places defined in section 7.4.1, whether in or upon a vehicle, motor vehicle, or on foot or in a place to which members of the public have access as invitees or licenses, or in or on any private area to which the public has a general right of access, without the consent of the owner or person in control.

7.4.3 **Special Permit**

The Board of Selectmen may grant special permits to allow the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the places defined in section 7.4.1.

7.4.4 **Evidence of Violations**

All alcoholic beverages being used in violation of this section shall be seized and safely held by the Police Department as evidence until final adjudication of the charge against the person or persons arrested or summoned before the court.

7.4.5 **Penalty**

A police officer may arrest without a warrant anyone whom he/she observes to violate the provisions of this By-Law. Whoever violates the provisions of this By-law may be fined \$150 for a first offense and thereafter \$300 for a second and each subsequent offense.

7.5. POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS

7.5.1 Prohibited Conduct

No person who is under 21 years of age and not accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or spouse who is 21 years of age or older, shall consume, possess, transport or carry on his person any alcohol or alcoholic beverages; provided, however, that this section shall not apply to a person between the ages of 18 and 21 who knowingly possesses, transports or carries on his person alcohol or alcoholic beverages in the course of his employment.

7.5.2 Enforcement

A Police Officer may enforce this By-law by noncriminal disposition in accordance with Chapter 7, of the Town By-laws and M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D.

7.5.3 Penalty

Any person who violates this By-law shall be subject to a fine of \$150 for the first offense, and \$300 for a second offense and any subsequent offenses.

7.6. PUBLIC USE OF MARIJUANA OR TETRAHYDROCANNIBINOL

No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in M.G. L. Chapter 94C, Section 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the Town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier; or in any place accessible to the public.

This bylaw may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by noncriminal disposition pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D by any police officer. The fine for violation of this bylaw shall be three-hundred dollars (\$300) for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this bylaw shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under M.G.L. Chapter 94C, Section 32L.

7.7 SCENIC ROADS

7.7.1 All public ways shall be designated as "scenic" by virtue of the authority granted by M.G.L. c. 40, sec. 15C as amended.

7.8. PUBLIC WAYS

- 7.8.1 No person shall deposit or leave waste materials, refuse, advertising circulars or materials within a public way. The United States Postal Service is exempt from this section. Political circulars and materials are also exempt during the campaign to which they apply.

7.9. ILLEGAL TRASH DISPOSAL

- 7.9.1 No person shall dispose of rubbish, filth, hazardous materials, or litter of any kind on any street, sidewalk, or other publicly-owned area in the Town, with the exception of the Town Disposal area. This provision of the Bylaws may be enforced by any Police Officer, or by the Health Agent, by non-criminal disposition pursuant to the provision of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D. The penalty for violation of any provision of this Bylaw shall be \$100.00 for the first offense and \$300.00 for each subsequent offense. Each day shall constitute a separate offense.

7.10. ADVERTISING MATERIALS

- 7.10.1 No person shall deposit or leave advertising circulars or materials on private property if requested not to do so by the owner or occupant of the property.

7.11. FEES

- 7.11.1 Any officer, board, committee or commission authorized by law, these By-Laws or vote of Town Meeting to establish fees and fines, shall hold public hearings prior to exercising that authority.
- 7.11.2 Notice of public hearing shall be posted and published in a local newspaper at least two weeks prior to the meeting. All residents and interested parties will be permitted to make comments or present recommendations for consideration.
- 7.11.3 Prior to a posting of a notice for a public hearing on any proposal for change in an existing fee or fine or for establishing a new fee, there shall be filed with the Town Clerk together with such notice a full explanation of the reason for such fees, total revenue anticipated and the purpose for which the revenue shall be used. A copy shall be placed on file at the Duxbury Free Library.
- 7.11.4 A copy of all fee and fine schedules adopted by any officer, board, committee or commission so authorized shall be filed with the Town Clerk prior to the effective date.

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7.12. FIRE HYDRANTS

- 7.12.1 No person shall plant any tree, plant or bush or erect any fence or other structure so that it obstructs the view of a fire hydrant from the nearest street or highway, or so that it obstructs the operation of a fire hydrant.
- 7.12.2 Any property owner with a tree, plant, bush, fence or other structure which obstructs the view or operation of a fire hydrant as described in 7.10.1, shall remove the tree, plant, bush, fence or other structure within ten days of receiving written notice from the Fire Department.
- 7.12.3 No person shall remove or otherwise interfere with snow stakes at or near any hydrant.
- 7.12.4 Violation of this by-law shall be punished by a fine, the amount of which shall be set by the Board of Selectmen. Each day a violation continues shall be a separate offense.

7.13. SMOKING BAN

- 7.13.1 No person shall smoke or chew tobacco in any of its forms, or smoke any other substance in a town owned or leased structure.

7.14. REMOVAL OF VEHICLES FOR SNOW REMOVAL

- 7.14.1 No person shall park or leave a vehicle on any public way or private way open to the public, so that it interferes with the removal or plowing of snow or ice on such ways.
- 7.14.2 The Board of Selectmen or their designee may, for the removal or plowing of snow or removal of ice from any public way or private way open to the public, remove or cause to be removed to some convenient place, including any public garage, any vehicle which interferes with the removal or the plowing of such snow or such ice.
- 7.14.3 In the event such vehicle is so removed, the owner of said vehicle shall be liable for the cost of such removal, and of the storage, if any, resulting therefrom. Charges to be set and published by the Selectmen.
- 7.14.4 Failure to pay the aforesaid costs within 60 days after billing shall subject the owner of any vehicle so involved to a fine set by the Board of Selectmen for each offense, enforceable in the Third District Court of Plymouth, any such fines to inure to the Town.

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7.15. REGULATION OF AUTOMATIC DIALERS - FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 7.15.1 All automatic dialer type medical and fire alarm systems that utilize a pre-recorded message, or that utilize an open line type of system that would render the telephone system ineffective until manually reset, shall be programmed to dial a dedicated telephone number designated exclusively for fire and medical alarms. This dedicated telephone number, to be known as the fire alarm number, shall be used solely for the purpose of receiving emergency medical and fire alarm calls through the use of pre-recorded messages. This dedicated phone line will be provided with a "hunting feature" that would assure additional lines would be available if the fire alarm number is tied up with another message.
- 7.15.2 All automatic dialer type alarms that give a pre-recorded message on an open line, but are received on any telephone line other than the fire alarm number, will be answered with a normal response of apparatus, but the resident owner, manager or other appropriate party deemed responsible for the programming of the system will be subject to a fine set by the Board of Selectmen for the first and each additional offense.
- 7.15.3 Any resident, owner, manager, or other appropriate party who is responsible for the use and operation of an automatic dialer type system shall notify the Fire Department in writing of all pertinent information relative to the system and its intended use, including brand name and type system, exact location of property where system is in use, who to notify in case of emergency, service or repair facility, if any, and how to silence or disable the system. Failure to comply with this section shall result in a fine set by the Board of Selectmen for the first and each additional offense.
- 7.15.4 This By-Law shall apply to all existing and proposed medical and fire alarm systems that meet the criteria outlined in Section 7.14.1.

7.16. REGULATION OF LOCK BOXES - FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 7.16.1 Any building or other facility for which the owner, occupant, manager, or other responsible party deems it necessary for the Fire Department to maintain keys shall install a lock box on the exterior of the building. This lock box shall be for the holding of any keys to the building or facility and for holding of any materials the owner, occupant, manager, or other responsible party feels necessary to provide the Fire Department for the efficient performance of its duties. This lock box would allow entry by the Fire Department in a non-destructive manner for providing emergency services and allow the Fire Department to properly secure the premises upon its exit from the facility.
- 7.16.2 The lock box shall be of a type and design as designated by the Fire Chief. The lock box would be securely fastened to the exterior of the building or

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other location as designated by the Fire Chief. The location of the lock box shall be lighted at all times, shall be clear and free of any encumbrances such as trees, shrubs, vines, signs, or lighting fixtures, shall be easily visible to approaching emergency vehicles, and shall be readily accessible during inclement weather.

7.16.3 It shall be the obligation of the owner, occupant, manager or other responsible party to update the keys in the lock box whenever there is a change of locks. This shall be done immediately upon the changing of the locks.

7.16.4 This By-Law shall apply to all properties for which the Fire Department does not maintain keys. All new non-residential properties that have fire alarm panels or sprinkler systems shall be required to install lock boxes.

7.17. VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION OF LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GASES

7.17.1 This By-Law is adopted by the Town of Duxbury under its home rule powers, its police powers to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and under powers authorized by M.G.L. c. 40 sec. 21.

7.17.2 The purpose of this By-Law is to control the improper transport of Liquefied Petroleum Gas containers on Duxbury Beach, to and from the Gurnet/Saquish areas, or any other ways, public or private, within or through the Town of Duxbury.

7.17.3 Nothing in this By-Law shall be construed to limit, in any way, the enforcement rights and responsibilities of the Town Fire Department under M.G.L. c. 148, which statute provides other and separate remedies upon application to the Plymouth County Superior Court.

7.17.4 The Town hereby adopts, for the purposes of this By-Law, the "National Fire Protection Association Standard 58", 2017 Edition, which is incorporated by reference herein and which is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk. No person shall transfer Liquefied Petroleum Gases in violation of said standard.

7.17.5 Enforcement:

A police officer may arrest without a warrant any person who violates any provision of this By-Law.

7.17.6 Penalty:

Any person who violates this By-Law shall be liable for a penalty set by the Board of Selectmen.

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7.17.7 Severability:

If for any reason any provision of this By -Law shall be found invalid, the remainder shall be presumed valid and shall remain in full force and effect.

**7.18. REGULATION OF MECHANICAL PROTECTION DEVICES
(ALARMS) - FIRE DEPARTMENT**

7.18.1 Definitions

As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Alarm Device: An electronically operated instrument composed of sensory apparatus designed to detect a fire and which:

- (a) Transmits a signal to a person or company who relays information to the Fire Department; or
- (b) Produces an audible or visible signal to which the Fire Department is expected to respond.

Alarm User: Any person who is the owner or person in charge of premises where an alarm system is maintained within the Town of Duxbury.

False Fire Alarm: An activation of an alarm through negligence of an alarm user or employee, improper installation, mechanical failure, malfunction or any other cause which results in Fire Department response, where it is determined, after investigation by the Fire Department, that no fire, smoke or heat has occurred nor did any health emergency exist.

7.18.2 Devices prohibited

No person shall install, consent, or cause to be installed, maintained in any building or structure an alarm device that is automatically keyed to or that activates the telephone lines or numbers controlled by or listed to the Town of Duxbury Fire Department except those telephone lines dedicated for such purpose. (See Section 7.14)

7.18.3 Alarm user responsibility

- (a) Every alarm user shall submit to the Fire Chief or his designee his name, address, telephone number and at least one (1) other person who is authorized, to respond to an emergency signal transmitted by an alarm system and who can open the premises in which the alarm system is located.

- (b) All alarm users must notify the Fire Department, in advance, of any testing of equipment. Failure to notify the Fire Department in advance of a testing of equipment shall constitute a false alarm and therefore be subject to the assessment schedule contained herein.

7.18.4 Penalties

Failure to comply with the provisions of Section 7.17.3 (A) shall be punishable by a fine set by the Board of Selectmen. After the Fire Department has recorded three separate false alarms from an alarm user within a calendar year, the Fire Chief or his designee shall notify the alarm user, in writing, of such facts, including the dates and times of each alleged false alarm. The Selectmen shall set sequentially higher fines for the fourth and each subsequent false alarm within a calendar year.

7.18.5 Exceptions

The provisions of this section shall not apply to alarm devices owned or controlled by the Town of Duxbury or to any alarm devices installed in a motor vehicle.

7.18.6 Limitation of liability

Neither the Town of Duxbury nor any of its employees shall be under any obligation or duty to any alarms user or to any other person hereunder by reason of this chapter. The Town of Duxbury specifically disclaims liability for any damages which may be cause by failure to respond to an alarm.

7.18.7 Applicability

This Bylaw shall apply to all existing and proposed medical and fire alarm systems.

7.19. RESERVED

7.20 DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION

7.20.1 License Required

It shall be unlawful for any solicitor or canvasser as defined in section 7.20.2 to engage in such business within the Town without first obtaining a license therefor in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter. The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to any person exempted under Chapter 100 or 101 of the General Laws.

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7.20.2 Definition

"Solicitor or Canvasser": Any person who, for himself, or for any other person, firm or corporation travels by foot, automobile or any other type of conveyance from place to place, from house to house or from street to street taking or attempting to lease or take orders, for sales of goods, wares, merchandise, or services, including without limitation, the selling, distributing, exposing for sale or soliciting orders, for magazines, books, periodicals or other articles of a commercial nature, the contracting of all home improvements or services to be performed in the future whether or not such individual has, carries or exposes for sale a sample of the subject of such sale or whether he is collecting advance payment on such sale. For the purposed of this section solicitor and canvasser shall mean the same person.

7.20.3 Application

Applicants for a license shall file with the Chief of Police, on a form issued by the Police Department, a written application signed under penalties of perjury, containing, but not limited to, the following information:

- (a) Name of applicant
- (b) Address of applicant (Local and permanent home address);
- (c) Applicant's date of birth, height, weight, eye and hair color;
- (d) Applicant's social security number;
- (e) The length of time for which a license to solicit and/or canvas is desired and the dates, times and locations where solicitation or canvassing activities are intended;
- (f) A brief description of the nature and purposes of the intended solicitation and/or canvassing, including but not limited to the type of business and goods to be sold;
- (g) The name and address of the applicant's employer; if self-employed it shall state;
- (h) A disclosure whether the solicitor receives any wage, salary, percentage of donation or any other remuneration for solicitation activities;
- (i) A recent photograph of the applicant. The picture shall be supplied by the applicant and be a 2"x2" showing the head and shoulders of the applicant in a clear distinguishing manner;
- (j) If using a motor vehicle, the year, make, model, color, VIN, registration number, state of registration and vehicle owner's name and address; At the time of filing the application, each applicant shall pay a fee of twenty five dollars (\$25). The Police Chief may waive said fee at his discretion.

7.20.4 Investigation: Public Hearing and Issuance of License

Upon receipt of the application, the Chief of Police, or his designee, shall investigate the applicant's reputation as to a criminal record or any other record which might demonstrate the applicant as a danger to the public.

After an investigation, but within seven (7) business days of the filing of the application, the Chief of Police shall endorse on such application his approval or disapproval. Failure of the Police Chief to act on said application within seven (7) business days of the applicant's filing shall constitute an approval.

If disapproved, the applicant shall have the right of appeal of the Board of Selectmen which shall be requested in writing within seven (7) days of the denial be the Chief of Police. The Board of Selectmen must act upon the appeal at one of their next two regularly scheduled meetings.

Failure to act shall constitute an approval. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Selectmen, the applicant may appeal to the Superior Court pursuant to MGL Chapter 294 section 4.

Such license when issued shall contain the signature of the Police Chief or the Board of Selectmen and shall show the name, address, a recent photograph of the licensee, the date of issuance, an expiration date, and the license number.

7.20.5 Licenses and Exemptions

Each solicitor is required to possess an individual license. Solicitors, when engaged in business of soliciting or canvassing, are to display the identifying badge issued by the Police department. The badge shall be worn on an outer garment or otherwise prominently displayed so as to be easily readable by any person facing said solicitor.

Any solicitor representing any charitable, civic, or political cause or purpose who receives any wage, salary, percentage of donation, or other remuneration, shall inform each person being solicited that the solicitation is a "paid solicitation." Further, that such solicitor's license shall display prominently the words: "Paid Solicitor"

No license shall be transferred.

No license shall be required for officers or employees of the Town, County, State or Federal Government when on official business.

No license shall be required for minors under the age of eighteen unless in connection with commercial activity.

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No license shall be required by any candidate for public office, or any person representing a candidate for public office.

Each solicitor is required to personally report to the Duxbury Police Station prior to engaging in any solicitation each day that the solicitor intends to solicit. The solicitor shall present his or her license to the Duxbury Police and shall advise the Police of (a) the location(s) of the intended solicitation activity; (b) the times that solicitation will be conducted; (c) the identity and registration number of any vehicle(s) that will be used in connection with the solicitation.

7.20.6 Revocation of License

The Chief of Police and the Board of Selectmen are hereby vested with jurisdiction over the revocation of licenses. Any person aggrieved by revocation may request a hearing before the Board of Selectmen, in writing, within seven (7) business days, and a hearing shall be scheduled for one of its next two regularly scheduled meetings. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Board of Selectmen may appeal to the Superior Court pursuant to MGL Ch 249, section 4.

7.20.7 Expiration of a License

Each license issued under the provisions of this section shall continue in force for a period determined by the Chief of Police, not to exceed one year-unless sooner revoked.

7.20.8 Renewal of License

A license issued under the provision of this section may be renewed by the Chief of Police upon request by the applicant. An applicant requesting a renewal of a license must apply in person for such license renewal, and provide such information as required by Section 3 to obtain the initial license and must pay a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25).

7.20.9 Misrepresentation

No solicitor licensed or exempted from license, may misrepresent, in any manner the buyer's right to cancel as stipulated by Chapters 93, 93A and 255 of the General Laws. No solicitor, licensed or exempted from license, may use any play, scheme or ruse which misrepresents the true status or mission of the person making the call in order to gain admission to a prospective buyer's home, office or other establishment for the purpose of making a sale of goods or services.

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7.20.10 Trespassing

It shall be unlawful for any solicitor to enter the premises of a person who has displayed a "no trespassing" or "no soliciting" sign or poster. It shall be unlawful for solicitors to ignore a person's no solicitation directive or remain on private property after its owner or occupant has indicated that the solicitor is not welcome.

7.20.11 Penalty

Any person observed violating any provision of this section shall be subject to loss of the solicitation license and may be arrested without a warrant and assessed a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and thereafter three hundred dollars (\$300) for a second and each subsequent offense.

7.21 HANDICAP PARKING

- (a) Designated parking spaces for vehicles either owned and operated by disabled veterans or by handicapped persons and bearing the distinctive number plates authorized by section 2 of Chapter 90, or for vehicles transporting handicapped persons and displaying the special parking identification plate authorized by said section 2 of said Chapter 90, or for vehicles bearing the official identification of a handicapped person issued by any state office, or any Canadian Province, shall be provided in public and private off-street parking areas pursuant to this Bylaw, as follows:

Any person or body that has lawful control of a public or private way or of improved or enclosed property used as off-street parking areas for businesses, shopping malls, theaters, auditoriums, sporting or recreational facilities, cultural centers, residential dwellings, or for any other place where the public has a right of access as invitees or licensees, shall reserve parking spaces in said off-street parking areas for any vehicle owned and operated by a disabled veteran or handicapped person whose vehicle bears the distinguishing license plate authorized by said section 2 of said Chapter 90 or any vehicle bearing the official identification of a handicapped person issued by any other state, or any Canadian Province in accordance with section 603.11 of the Protective Bylaw:

- (b) Parking spaces designated as reserved under the provisions of paragraph (a) shall be identified by the use of above grade signs with white lettering against blue background and shall bear the words "Handicapped Parking Special Plate Required Unauthorized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner's Expenses", shall be as near as possible to a building entrance or walkway; shall be adjacent to curb

ramps or other unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handicapped person; and shall be twelve feet wide or two eight-foot wide areas with four feet of cross hatch between them.

- (c) It shall be prohibited to leave any vehicle which does not bear a plate or identification specified in section 7.21(a) unattended within a parking space designated as reserved for vehicles owned and operated by disabled veterans or handicapped persons or other areas designated by the Bylaw or in such a manner as to obstruct a curb ramp designed for use by handicapped persons as a means of egress to a street or public way.
- (d) Non Criminal disposition penalties shall be as follows: The penalty for violation of this Bylaw shall be one hundred (\$100) dollars for the first offense, and two hundred dollars (\$200) for the second and any subsequent offense.
- (e) Any vehicle in violation of this Bylaw may be removed in accordance with the provisions of section 22D of Chapter 40 and section 120D of Chapter 226.
- (f) No fee shall be exacted and no penalty shall be imposed for the parking of any vehicle owned and operated by a disabled veteran or a handicapped person in any metered parking area.

7.22 CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS FOR CERTAIN LICENSE APPLICANTS

7.22.1 Purpose and Authorization

In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Duxbury, and as authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 6, Section 172B½, this bylaw shall require (a) applicants for certain Town licenses permitting specific occupational activities within the Town as enumerated in Section 2, below, to submit to fingerprinting by the Duxbury Police Department, (b) the Police Department to conduct criminal record background checks based on such fingerprints, and (c) the Town to consider the results of such background checks in determining whether or not to grant a license.

The Town authorizes the Massachusetts State Police, the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Systems (the "DCJIS") and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (the "FBI") to conduct at the Town's request fingerprint-based state and federal criminal history checks consistent with M.G.L. Chapter 6, Sections 168 and 172, 28 U.S.C. Section 534, 28 CFR Section 20.33 and this bylaw. The Town authorizes the Police Department to receive and utilize criminal history records received from the

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State Police, the DCJIS and the FBI and assist in determining the suitability of applicants for such licenses, consistent with this bylaw.

The Board of Selectmen is authorized to promulgate any policy or regulation necessary to implement this Bylaw. The Town shall not disseminate criminal history record information to any unauthorized person or use it for any unauthorized purpose.

7.22.2 Applicant's Submission to Fingerprinting by the Police Department

Any applicant for a license to engage in the occupational activities listed below within the Town shall submit a full set of fingerprints taken by the Duxbury Police Department within one (1) month of the date of the license application for the purpose of conducting a state and federal criminal history background check:

- Solicitors and Canvassers; and
- Ice Cream and Frozen Desserts Truck Vendors.

At the time of fingerprinting, the Police Department shall notify each applicant that his or her fingerprints will be used to check his or her state and federal criminal history records.

The fee charged by the Police Department for the purpose of conducting fingerprint-based criminal history background checks shall be Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00). A portion of the fee (\$30), as specified in M.G.L. Chapter 6, Section 172B½, shall be deposited into the Firearms Fingerprint Identity Verification Trust Fund, and the remainder of the fee may be retained by the Town to defray costs associated with the administration of the fingerprinting system and this bylaw.

7.22.3 Police Department Procedure for Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Background Checks

The Police Department shall transmit fingerprints it has obtained pursuant to Section 2 of this bylaw to the Identification Section of the Massachusetts State Police, the DCJIS and/or the FBI, as may be necessary, for the purpose of conducting fingerprint-based state and federal criminal history background checks of license applicants as specified in the said section.

The Police Department shall provide the applicants with a copy of the results of his or her fingerprint-based criminal history background check and supply the applicant the opportunity to complete, or challenge the accuracy of, the information contained in it, including in the FBI identification record. The Police Department shall also supply the applicants with information regarding the procedures for obtaining a change, correction or updating of a criminal record, including a copy of 28 CFR Part 16.34 (pertaining to FBI

identification records). In no event shall the Police Department render a suitability evaluation pursuant to the paragraph below until it has taken the steps detailed in this paragraph and otherwise complied with any other procedures required by any Town policy applicable to licensing-related criminal history background checks.

The Police Department shall communicate the results of fingerprint-based criminal history background checks to the applicable licensing authority within the Town. The Police Department shall also provide to the licensing authority its evaluation of the applicant's suitability for the proposed occupational activity based upon the results of the criminal history background check and any other relevant information about the applicant known to the Police Department. In providing its evaluation, the Police Department shall consider all applicable laws, regulations and Town policies bearing on an applicant's suitability. The Police Department shall indicate whether the applicant has been convicted of, or is under pending indictment for, a crime that bears upon his or her suitability or any felony or misdemeanor that involved force or the threat of force, controlled substance, or a sex-related offense.

7.22.4 Use of Results of Fingerprint-Based Criminal History Background Checks

Town licensing authorities of the Town shall utilize the results of fingerprint-based criminal history background checks for the sole purpose of determining the suitability of the applicants in connection with the license applications specified in Section 2, above. Town licensing authorities may deny an application for a license on the basis of the results of a fingerprint-based criminal history background check if it determines that the results of the check provide grounds to find the subject unsuitable for the proposed occupational activity. The licensing authority shall consider all applicable laws, regulations and Town policies bearing on an applicant's suitability in making this determination. The licensing authority shall not deny a license based on information in a criminal record unless the applicant has been afforded a reasonable time and opportunity to correct or complete that record.

7.23 AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

Any business, place of public assembly, school, health care facility or fitness and health business, that is required under applicable state law to have or otherwise has an automatic external defibrillator (AED), as defined in M.G.L. c. 112, Section 12V½, shall install or place said AED in a clearly displayed, conspicuous location; the property owner shall be responsible for maintaining the AED in accordance with applicable manufacturers specifications and instructions; and said AED shall be registered with the Duxbury Fire Department Regional Communications Center.

7.24 STRETCH ENERGY CODE

7.24.1 Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) – The IECC is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code and the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

Stretch Energy Code – Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the 8th edition Massachusetts building code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts building code, based on further amendments to the IECC to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

7.24.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Stretch Energy Code (780 CMR 115.AA) is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

7.24.3 Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 51 as applicable.

7.24.4 Stretch Code Enforceability

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future additions, amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Duxbury General By-Laws, Chapter 7.24.

The Stretch Code is enforceable by the inspector of buildings or building commissioner or local building inspector.

7.25 FACILITIES FOR MARIJUANA NOT MEDICALLY PRESCRIBED

7.25.1 Definitions

“Marijuana Cultivator”, an entity licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, to deliver marijuana to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.

“Marijuana Establishment”, a marijuana cultivator, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business.

“Marijuana Product Manufacturer”, an entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package marijuana and marijuana products, to deliver marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to transfer marijuana and marijuana products to other marijuana establishments, but not to consumers.

“Marijuana Products”, products that have been manufactured and contain marijuana or an extract from marijuana, including concentrated forms of marijuana and products composed of marijuana and other ingredients that are intended for use or consumption, including edible products, beverages, topical products, ointments, oils and tinctures.

“Marijuana retailer”, an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

7.25.2 Prohibition

Marijuana Establishments are prohibited in the Town in accordance with General Laws chapter 94G, section 3.

7.26 STORMWATER

7.26.1 Authority

This By-law is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and pursuant to the Regulations of the federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34.

7.26.2 Purpose

The purpose of this By-law is to reduce flooding, protect water quality, increase groundwater recharge, reduce erosion and sedimentation, promote environmentally sensitive site design practices such as Low Impact

Development that protect vegetation and enhance Town character, ensure long-term maintenance of stormwater controls and meet or exceed federal requirements under Phase II of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (consistent with the Town's Municipal Separate Storm Sewers (MS4) permit).

7.26.3 Definitions

ALTERATION OF DRAINAGE CHARACTERISTICS: Any activity on an area of land that changes the water quality, force, direction, timing or location of runoff flowing from the area. Such changes include change from distributed runoff to confined, discrete discharge, change in the volume of runoff from the area; change in the peak rate of runoff from the area; and change in the recharge to groundwater on the area.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP): An activity, procedure, or structural improvement that helps to reduce the rate or volume of stormwater runoff or improve its water quality.

DEVELOPMENT: Any construction or land disturbance on vacant land that is currently in a natural state and has not been disturbed.

DISTURB: To cause a change in the position, location, or arrangement of soil, sand rock, gravel or similar earth material, remove the vegetative surface cover on all or a portion of a site or make any other change which would alter drainage characteristics as per the definition above.

EROSION: The wearing away of the land surface by natural or artificial forces such as wind, water, ice, gravity, or vehicle traffic and the subsequent detachment and transportation of soil particles.

EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN: A document containing a narrative, drawings and details developed by a qualified professional engineer (PE) or a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sedimentation Control (CPESC), which includes best management practices, or equivalent measures designed to control surface runoff, erosion and sedimentation resulting from pre-construction and construction related land disturbance activities.

GRADING: Changing the level or shape of all or a portion of the ground surface of a site.

IMPERVIOUS: Preventing water from infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surfaces include paved surfaces (parking lots, sidewalks, driveways,) walkways and patios of a continuous hardened surface, rooftops, swimming pools, patios, and paved, gravel and compacted dirt surfaced roads.

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OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN: A plan that shows or establishes the physical, financial and organizational mechanisms for the ongoing operation and maintenance of a stormwater management system to ensure that it continues to function as designed, including during pre- and post-construction activities.

PERMITTING AUTHORITY: For the purposes of this by-law, the permitting authority shall mean either the Building Commissioner, Board of Health, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board or Conservation Commission, or the Town Planner, Building Inspector, Health Agent or Conservation and Natural Resource Officer as further described in 5.A below.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION: All activity undertaken in preparation for construction.

POST CONSTRUCTION: All activity undertaken after a Certificate of Completion is issued.

REDEVELOPMENT: Development, rehabilitation, expansion, demolition or phased projects that disturb the ground surface or increase the impervious area on previously developed sites.

RUNOFF: Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.

SEDIMENT: Mineral or organic soil material that is transported by wind or water, from its origin to another location; the product of erosion processes.

SEDIMENTATION: The process or act of deposition of sediment.

SITE: Any lot or parcel of land or area of property.

SLOPE: The incline of a ground surface expressed as a ratio of horizontal distance to vertical distance.

STABILIZATION: The use, singly or in combination, of mechanical, structural, or vegetative methods, to prevent or reduce erosion.

STOP WORK ORDER: An order issued by the Permitting Authority or its designee which requires that all construction activity on a site be stopped.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: A plan required as part of the application for a Stormwater Management Permit.

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STORMWATER: Stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.

SUBDIVISION: As defined in the Subdivision Control Law of Massachusetts, M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 81L Definitions.

7.26.4 Applicability

A. Regulated Activities. This by-law shall apply to the following activities:

- 1) All development and redevelopment projects that will disturb over 40,000 sq. ft. of land and discharge into the town's municipal stormwater system.
- 2) All development and redevelopment projects that will disturb over 15,000 sq. ft. of land in a Residential zoning district; render 25% or more of an undeveloped lot impervious or increase impervious area of a developed lot by 25% or more, even if that disturbance is conducted over separate phases and/or by separate owners.
- 3) All development and redevelopment projects that will disturb over 1,000 sq. ft. of land on undisturbed or natural slopes greater than 25%, even if that alteration is conducted over separate phases and/or by separate owners.
- 4) Construction of a new drainage system or alteration of a drainage system serving a drainage area of more than 15,000 sq. ft. of land.
- 5) Any development or redevelopment involving "land uses with higher potential pollutant loads," as those terms are defined in the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy. Land uses with higher potential pollutant loads include auto salvage yards, auto fueling facilities (gas stations), fleet storage yards, high-intensity commercial parking lots, road salt storage areas, commercial nurseries, outdoor storage and loading areas of hazardous substances, and marinas.

B. Exempt Activities. The following activities shall be exempt from this by-law:

- 1) Construction on an individual lot within a subdivision that has previously been issued a stormwater permit, or was approved under

the Subdivision Rules and Regulations in effect prior to the effective date of this Bylaw;

- 2) Construction on a lot shown on an approved Site Plan where the proposed stormwater management system and Operation & Maintenance Plan were reviewed by the Town's consulting engineer and approved by the Building Department, or Permitting Authority.
- 3) Construction on any lot that has previously been issued a stormwater permit, so long as that construction substantially conforms to the grading, the limit of work, impervious area and drainage characteristics shown on an approved plan. Any plan changes that would have the effect of altering drainage characteristics must be on file with the Permitting Authority prior to construction commencing. The Permitting Authority may require that the applicant obtain an engineer's certification that drainage characteristics will not be altered by proposed changes to a plan.
- 4) Landscaping for a single-family home that involves the addition or removal of fewer than 100 cubic yards of soil material or alteration of less than two feet of elevation with maintenance of existing drainage characteristics.
- 5) Repair and replacement of existing roofs.
- 6) Construction of walls and fencing that will not alter existing drainage characteristics.
- 7) Use, maintenance, and improvement of agricultural land.
- 8) Construction of utilities, other than drainage, that will not alter existing terrain or drainage characteristics, including repairs to existing septic systems when required by the Board of Health.
- 9) Emergency repairs to any existing stormwater management facility.
- 10) Routine maintenance and improvement of town-owned public ways not resulting in an increase in impervious area.
- 11) Public emergency response efforts to remove floodwaters from public ways or for other emergency access deemed necessary for public safety.

7.26.5 Administration

- A. This by-law shall be administered by the Building Department, unless the proposed work is under the jurisdiction of another permitting authority as follows: as permitted by the Planning Board on a project required to undergo stormwater review under the Subdivision Rules and Regulations or as required or Administrative Site Plan Review or when a project will disturb an area greater than 30,000 sq. ft., unless subject to the jurisdiction of another permitting authority as described herein; Conservation Commission (in practice, the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction will mostly include single-family dwellings falling under the jurisdiction of the Wetland Protection Act), and similarly for the Zoning Board of Appeals or Board of Health through a regular permitting process consistent with the authorities of said boards and commissions. Where more than one board or commission has jurisdiction, the respective Department Heads shall determine which body shall administer this by-law.
- B. The Planning Board, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Building Department may adopt and amend Stormwater Regulations related to the content of permit applications and the performance standards for development activities, as described in Section 6 below. Failure to promulgate such Regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this by-law.
- C. The Permitting Authority, as applicable, their agents or their designee shall review all applications for a Stormwater Permit, issue a Stormwater Permit, conduct necessary inspections and site investigations, monitor and enforce the conditions of the permit, and issue a Certificate of Completion, and shall be responsible for enforcement of this by-law.
- D. The Permitting Authority may refer any application for a Stormwater Permit to its consulting engineer for review. Following receipt of a completed permit application, the Permitting Authority shall seek review and comments from the Conservation Commission or Planning Board, Board of Health, Department or Public Works and other Town boards or authorities, as appropriate.
- E. The Building Commissioner may issue a Stormwater Permit for projects which do not disturb an area greater than 30,000 sq. ft. This shall be considered an Administrative Stormwater Project Review and shall be issued according to procedures outlined in the Stormwater Regulations, which shall not require a public hearing. Projects which exceed these limits shall be subject to Planning Board review under

this By-law as the Permitting Authority unless the project falls under the jurisdiction of another entity as described in 5.A.

- F. Construction under a Stormwater Permit shall be authorized upon the date of issuance but in no case more than three years from the date of issuance unless this time period is extended by vote of the Permitting Authority.

7.26.6 Adoption of Regulations

- A. The Stormwater Regulations shall include separate performance standards for rainwater produced stormwater and land subject to coastal storm flowage. All regulations shall be adopted after a public hearing and public comment period.
- B. The public hearing shall be advertised in a newspaper of general local circulation at least seven days prior to the hearing date.
- C. Other boards, commissions, and departments with responsibilities that include or are related to stormwater management are encouraged to adopt those Regulations by reference.

7.26.7 Submittal Requirements

Submittal requirements for development, site disturbance, and alteration shall include an application form, application fee, and plans as listed below. These may be consolidated into a single site plan. All plans and certifications shall be prepared by a licensed Professional Engineer.

- A. **Application Fee.** Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate application fee pursuant to the Stormwater Regulations. This fee shall be sufficient to cover any expenses connected with the public hearing, where required, and review of the Stormwater Permit application. The Permitting Authority is authorized to retain a licensed Professional Engineer or other professional consultant to advise the Permitting Authority on any or all aspects of the Application.
- B. **Erosion and Sedimentation Control.** All applications must include an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan to show proposed methods for properly stabilizing the site before construction begins. This plan shall show the Best Management Practices (BMP's) that will be used during construction to minimize erosion of the soil, sedimentation of stormwater and flow of stormwater onto neighboring properties, roads or drainage systems. These BMPs should include both stabilization practices such as: seeding, mulching, preserving trees and vegetative buffer strips, contouring and structural practices such as: earth dikes, silt socks, silt fences, stabilized construction entrances, drainage

swales, sediment traps, check dams, and subsurface or pipe slope drains.

- C. Site Plan and Narrative Showing Proposed Stormwater Measures. All applications shall include a Site Plan showing BMP's proposed to manage stormwater after construction. This Plan shall contain sufficient information to evaluate the environmental impact, effectiveness, and acceptability of the measures-for reducing adverse impacts from stormwater. All plans shall meet the Performance Standards in the Stormwater Regulations. Any easements or deed-restricted areas shall be clearly shown and identified. With the exception of plans for construction of single- and two-family homes, all plans shall be designed to meet the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards and DEP Stormwater Management Handbook Volumes I and II, as revised, where these are otherwise applicable. A brief narrative shall be included describing the BMP's with references to their location and function.

- D. During Construction Operations and Maintenance Plans. Pre- and Post- Construction Operation and Maintenance Plans (O&M Plans) are required at the time of application for all projects. The required contents of these plans shall be described in the Stormwater Regulations. Pre-Construction O&M Plans shall address maintenance of erosion control and site stabilization measures; operation of equipment during construction and inspections required during construction. Post-Construction Plans shall include methods for maintaining the stormwater management system; protection of vegetation where needed to absorb and take up stormwater; responsibilities of the homeowner and any third parties; and the estimated cost of maintenance. They shall be designed to ensure compliance with this by-law and the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314 CMR 4.00, in all seasons and throughout the life of the stormwater system. The Town shall make the final decision on what maintenance is appropriate in a given situation with consideration for natural features, proximity of site to water bodies and wetlands, extent of impervious surfaces, size of the site, the types of stormwater management structures, and the need for ongoing maintenance activities. The O&M Plans shall remain on file with the Permitting Authority and Building Department as applicable and shall be an ongoing requirement.

7.26.8 Performance Standards

Performance standards for site design, erosion control, stormwater management, operation & maintenance guidelines, materials, vegetation, and other aspects of developments shall be described in the Stormwater Regulations with compliance required to the extent practicable in the opinion of the Permitting Authority. Separate performance standards may

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be adopted for single-family homes, and all other types of development. Performance standards shall reflect all requirements for stormwater in the Water Resource Protection District found in the Zoning By-law for properties in that district. Separate standards shall be adopted for land subject to coastal storm flowage.

A. Performance standards include, but shall not be limited to, the following standards for rainwater-produced stormwater:

1. Peak Discharge Rates (flooding protection and channel protection)
2. Peak Discharge Volume
3. Retention of First 1" of Stormwater for Development and Redevelopment of One or More Acres. For new development or redevelopment of one or more acres, the first inch of runoff from all impervious surface must be retained on the site, unless pollutant removal of first inch of runoff with BMP (equivalent pollutant removal as with a biofilter) is provided. Shutoff and containment is required in the case of discharge near an environmentally sensitive area, i.e. public water.
4. Recharge Volume
5. Pretreatment and Water Quality
6. Erosion Control
7. Vegetation, Site Design, and Site Restoration

B. Performance standards shall also be adopted for coastal storm-associated floodwater, to avoid channelization and minimize the velocity of flood waters:

1. Standards for land subject to coastal storm flowage.

Preservation of the abilities of existing topography, slope, surface area, soil characteristics, erodibility, and permeability of land in the flood plain will tend to allow for the dissipation of storm wave energy, slowing of moving water, and absorption of flood waters. Standards for land subject to coastal storm flowage may include limits on creation of new pavement or other impervious surfaces, or that there shall be no adverse impact from work proposed in Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage. Standards may also be adopted for increases in impervious surface, removal of natural vegetation and pervious areas, filling, locating foundations or pavement so as to channelize floodwater, use of solid foundations and fill so as to deflect, reflect or redirect wave energy or channelize floodwater, or dredging or removal of soil materials within the floodplain so as to allow storm waves to break further inland and impact upland or wetland resource areas.

The Permitting Authority may seek the services of a consultant to assess compliance with the adopted standards for rainwater and coastal storm floodwater.

7.26.9 Review Process

- A. Applicants are strongly encouraged to schedule a pre-application meeting with the Town Planner or Conservation and Natural Resources Officer, as applicable, to review the proposed development plans at the earliest feasible time.
- B. The stormwater permit review shall not require a special public hearing, but stormwater issues may be discussed as part of other Public Hearings required for approval of the same project by the Planning Board or Conservation Commission. If no public hearing is required, the Planning Board or Conservation Commission may choose to hold a special public hearing to solicit public comments.
- C. After review of the application and comments received from other boards, and following the close of a Public Hearing where a hearing is required, the Permitting Authority shall take one of the following actions:
 - 1. Approve the application and issue a Stormwater Permit if it finds that the proposed plan meets the objectives and requirements of this by-law.
 - 2. Approve the application and issue a Stormwater Permit with conditions, modifications, or restrictions as necessary to ensure protection of water resources or to meet the objectives of this by-law.
 - 3. Disapprove the application and deny a permit if it finds the proposed plan will not protect water resources or fails to meet the objectives of this by-law; or if it finds that the applicant has not submitted information sufficient to make such a determination.
- D. Deadline for Action.

For a Stormwater Permit for a single-family home or a residential duplex, the Permitting Authority or its designee shall file its decision with the Town Clerk and the Building Commissioner within thirty (30) days of the receipt of a completed application. For all other development, a decision shall be made prior to approval of a Special Permit or Definitive Plan, if required, or prior to issuance of an Order of Conditions or building permit as applicable.

The review period may be extended by mutual consent of the Permitting Authority and the applicant. Failure to extend the review period or take action on the application before the deadline for action shall be deemed to be approval of such application. Upon certification by the Town Clerk that the allowed time has passed without action the Stormwater Permit shall be issued by the Permitting Authority.

- E. Appeals. Decisions under this by-law may be appealed to Superior Court or Land Court.

7.26.10 Notification, inspections

Submittal of the stormwater permit application is construed to grant the Permitting Authority, its agent, or its designee with permission to enter the site for inspection.

The Permitting Authority may make unscheduled site visits to ensure construction complies with the Operation & Maintenance Plan. If it does not comply, the Permitting Authority shall review whether to pursue remedies for enforcement of the Stormwater Permit as described in Section 12 of this by-law.

7.26.11 Submittal of as-built plans

Submittal of as-built plans depicting the construction conditions of the stormwater management system and grading on the site shall be required prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, and in no event later than two years after the completion of construction, and shall demonstrate substantial conformance with the stormwater system design and performance standards of the approved plans. Specifications for these as-built plans are outlined in the Stormwater Regulations.

7.26.12 Surety

The Permitting Authority may require the posting of a surety bond until work is completed and satisfactorily inspected, or to ensure maintenance of the system.

7.26.13 Any easements or deed-restricted areas shown and identified on the approved plans shall be recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds or Land Court prior to a Certificate of Completion or Occupancy.

7.26.14 Enforcement

The Permitting Authority shall enforce this by-law, its regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations, including remedies available under non-criminal disposition. Mechanisms and procedures for enforcement may be further detailed in Regulations adopted by the Permitting Authority pursuant to this by-law.

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A. Orders.

1. The Permitting Authority may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this Section or the regulations thereunder, which may include:
 - a. A requirement to cease and desist the construction activity until there is compliance with the provisions of the Stormwater Permit;
 - b. Maintenance, installation or performance of additional erosion and sediment control measures;
 - c. Monitoring, analyses, and reporting;
 - d. Remediation of erosion and sedimentation resulting directly or indirectly from land- disturbing activity.
2. If the enforcing body determines that abatement or remediation of erosion and sedimentation is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. This deadline shall be no more than twelve months from the date of the violation.

B. Any person that violates any provision of this Section may be punished, under M.G.L c. 40, §21D as a non-criminal offense, by fines of:

1. First offense: \$100
2. Second offense: \$200
3. Each additional offense: \$300

Each day on which any violation or offense exists shall be deemed a separate offense. No new permits shall be issued to an applicant if any permit fines are outstanding.

C. Remedies Not Exclusive. The remedies listed in this Section are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state, or local law.

7.26.15 Severability If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this by-law shall be held invalid for any reason, all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Chapter 7.27 ILLICIT DISCHARGE BY-LAW

7.27.1 Purpose

A. Increased volumes of stormwater and contaminated stormwater runoff are major causes of:

1. impairment of water quality and flow in lakes, ponds, streams, rivers, wetlands and groundwater;
2. contamination of drinking water supplies;
3. alteration or destruction of aquatic and wildlife habitat; and
4. flooding.

Regulation of illicit connections and discharges to the municipal storm drain system is necessary for the protection of water bodies and groundwater resources within the Town of Duxbury and to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare and the natural resources of the Town.

B. The objectives of this by-law are:

1. To prevent pollutants from entering the Town of Duxbury's municipal storm drain system;
2. To prohibit illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the municipal storm drain system;
3. To require the removal of all such illicit connections;
4. To comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges; and
5. To establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this By-law through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.

7.27.2 Definitions

For the purposes of this By-law, the following shall mean:

Clean Water Act: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.) as hereafter amended

Discharge of Pollutants: The addition from any source of any pollutant or combination of pollutants into the municipal storm drain system or into the waters of the United States or Commonwealth from any source.

Groundwater: Water beneath the surface of the ground including confined or unconfined aquifers.

Illicit Connection: A surface or subsurface drain or means of conveyance, which allows an illicit discharge into the municipal storm drain system, including without limitation sewage, process wastewater, or wash water and any connections from indoor drains, sinks, or toilets, regardless of whether said connection was previously allowed, permitted, or approved before the effective date of this by-law.

Illicit Discharge: Direct or indirect discharge to the municipal storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except as exempted in Section 7. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, or resulting from fire-fighting activities exempted pursuant to Section 7, subsection B.1, of this by-law.

Municipal Storm Drain System or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4): The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Duxbury.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Discharge Permit: A permit issued by United States Environmental Protection Agency or jointly with the State that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States.

Non-Stormwater Discharge: Discharge to the municipal storm drain system not composed entirely of stormwater.

Person: An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

Pollutant: Any element or property of sewage, agricultural, industrial or commercial waste, runoff, leachate, heated effluent, or other matter whether originating at a point or nonpoint source that is considered toxic or detrimental to humans or the environment and may be introduced into the municipal storm drain system or into any water watercourse or waters of the Commonwealth.

Process Wastewater: Water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any material, intermediate product, finished product, or waste product.

Stormwater: Stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage

Surface Water Discharge Permit: A permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to 314 CMR 3.00 that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Toxic or Hazardous Material or Waste: Any material, which because of its quantity, concentration, chemical, corrosive, flammable, reactive, toxic, infectious or radioactive characteristics, either separately or in combination with any substance or substances, constitutes a present or potential threat to human health, safety, welfare, or to the environment. Toxic or hazardous materials include any synthetic organic chemical, petroleum product, heavy metal, radioactive or infectious waste, acid and alkali, and any substance defined as Toxic or Hazardous under G.L. Ch.21C and Ch.21E, and the regulations at 310 CMR 30.000 and 310 CMR 40.0000.

Watercourse: A natural or man-made channel through which water flows, or a stream of water, including a river, brook, stream, underground stream, pond or lake.

Waters of The Commonwealth: All waters within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, including, without limitation, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, springs, impoundments, estuaries, wetlands, coastal waters, and groundwater.

Wastewater: Any sanitary waste, sludge, or septic tank or cesspool overflow, and water that during manufacturing, cleaning or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct or waste product.

7.27.3 Applicability

This By-law shall apply to flows entering the municipal storm drainage system.

7.27.4 Authority

This By-law is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34 and the Phase II ruling from the Environmental Protection Agency found in the December 8, 1999 Federal Register, as amended.

7.27.5 Responsibility for Administration

The Duxbury Board of Health shall administer, implement, and enforce this By-law. The Board of Health and its agents may consult with and request assistance from the Department of Public Works, and/or other Town departments for the purpose of administration, implementation, and enforcement of this By-law.

7.27.6 Regulations

The Duxbury Board of Health may promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this by-law. Failure by the Duxbury Board of Health to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this By-law.

7.27.7 Prohibited and Exempt Activities

A. Prohibited Activities

1. Illicit Discharges - No person shall dump, discharge, cause, or allow to be discharged any pollutant or non-stormwater discharge into the municipal storm drain system, into a watercourse, or into the waters of the Commonwealth.
2. Illicit Connections - No person shall construct, use, allow, maintain, or continue any illicit connection to the municipal storm drain system, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under applicable law, regulation, or custom at the time of connection.
3. Obstruction of Municipal Storm Drain System - No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of stormwater into or out of the municipal storm drain system without prior written approval from the Duxbury Board of Health.

B. Exemptions

1. Discharge or flow resulting from fire-fighting activities;
2. Discharges from Town of Duxbury snow and ice removal and control operations.
3. The following non-stormwater discharges or flows are exempt from this By-law, provided that the source is not a significant contributor of a pollutant to the municipal storm drain system:
 - Municipal waterline flushing;
 - Flow from potable water sources;
 - Springs;
 - Natural flow from riparian habitats and wetlands;
 - Diverted stream flow;
 - Rising groundwater;
 - Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20), or uncontaminated pumped groundwater;
 - Discharge from landscape irrigation or lawn watering;

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- Water from exterior foundation drains, footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, or air conditioning condensation;
 - Water from individual residential car washing and temporary fund-raising car wash events;
4. Discharge from de-chlorinated swimming pool water (less than one ppm chlorine). provided test data is submitted to the Town substantiating that the water meets the one ppm standard, and the pool is drained in such a way as not to cause a nuisance or public safety issue and complies with all applicable Town By-Laws;
 5. Discharge from street sweepers of minor amounts water during operations;
 6. Winter roadway and parking lot sanding and salting operations associated with maintaining public safety;
 7. Dye testing, provided verbal notification is given to the Duxbury Board of Health prior to the time of the test;
 8. Non-stormwater discharge permitted under an NPDES permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, waiver, or waste discharge order administered under the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, provided that the discharge is in full compliance with the requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and applicable laws and regulations;
 9. Discharge for which advance written approval is received from the Duxbury Board of Health as necessary to protect the public health, safety, welfare or environment; and
 10. Discharge or flow that results from exigent conditions and occurs during a State of Emergency declared by any agency of the federal or state government, or by the Duxbury Town Manager, Board of Selectmen or Board of Health.
 11. Public emergency response efforts to remove floodwaters from public ways or for other emergency access deemed necessary for public safety.

7.27.8 Emergency Suspension of Storm Drainage System Access

The Duxbury Board of Health may suspend municipal storm drain system access to any person or property without prior written notice when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened discharge of

pollutants that presents imminent risk of harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment. In the event any person fails to comply with an emergency suspension order, the Duxbury Board of Health may take all reasonable steps to prevent or minimize harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment.

7.27.9 Notification of Spills

Notwithstanding other requirements of local, state, or federal law, as soon as a person responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation has information of or suspects a release of materials at that facility or operation resulting in or which may result in discharge of pollutants to the municipal drainage system or waters of the Commonwealth, the person shall take all necessary steps to ensure containment and cleanup of the release. In the event of a release of oil or hazardous materials, the person shall immediately notify Duxbury's Fire and Police Departments and Duxbury Board of Health. In the event of a release of non-hazardous material, the reporting person shall notify the Duxbury Board of Health no later than the next business day. The reporting person shall provide to the Duxbury Board of Health written confirmation of all telephone, facsimile or in-person notifications within three business days thereafter. If the discharge of prohibited materials is from a commercial or industrial facility, the facility owner or facility operator shall also retain on-site a written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

7.27.10 Enforcement

A. Authorized Agent

The Director of Public Health or an authorized agent of the Director of Public Health shall enforce this By-Law, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

B. Civil Relief

If a person violates the provisions of this By-Law or any regulations, permit, notice, or order issued there-under, the Duxbury Board of Health may seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction restraining the person from activities which would create further violations or compelling the person to perform abatement or remediation of the violation.

C. Orders

The Duxbury Board of Health or an authorized agent of the Duxbury Board of Health may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this By-Law or the regulations there-under, which may include: (a) elimination of illicit connections or discharges to the municipal storm drain system; (b) performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting; (c) a requirement that unlawful discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist; and (d) remediation of contamination in connection therewith.

If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of contamination is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation shall be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town of Duxbury may, at its option, undertake such work, and all costs incurred by the Town shall be charged to the violator, to be recouped through all available means, including the placement of liens on the property.

Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner will be notified of the costs incurred by the Town, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Duxbury Board of Health within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Duxbury Board of Health affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate provided in G.L. Ch. 59, § 57 after the thirty-first day at which the costs first become due.

D. Criminal Penalty

Any person who violates any provision of this By-Law or any regulation, order or permit issued there-under, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300.00 for each offense. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

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E. Non-Criminal Disposition

As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town of Duxbury may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch. 40, §21D, in which case the Duxbury Board of Health or an authorized agent of the Duxbury Board of Health shall be the enforcing person. The penalty for each violation shall be \$300.00. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

F. Entry to Perform Duties under this By-Law

To the extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Duxbury Board of Health, its agents, officers, and employees may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this By-Law and regulations and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Duxbury Board of Health deems reasonably necessary.

G. Appeals

All decisions or orders of the Duxbury Board of Health shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

H. Remedies Not Exclusive

The remedies listed in this by-law are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state, or local law.

7.27.11 Severability

The provisions of this by-law are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause, of this By-law or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid for any reason, the remaining provision shall continue in effect to the extent permitted by law.

7.27.12 Transitional Provisions

Residential property owners shall have one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of the by-law to comply with its provisions or petition the Duxbury Board of Health for an extension.

CHAPTER 8 - EARTH REMOVAL

8.1. EARTH REMOVAL

- 8.1.1 The removal of soil, loam, sand or gravel from any premises in the Town of Duxbury shall be regulated by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Duxbury. All applications for permits shall be submitted in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Board of Selectmen and filed with the Building Department. Applications and permits shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Municipal Services.
- 8.1.2 Removal of soil, loam, sand or gravel to the extent normally required for the excavation of a permitted construction project, including driveways, walks, streets and municipal operations shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter.
- 8.1.3 Penalties shall be imposed in accordance with Chapter 1, Section 1.1.4. of these By-Laws. Permits may be revoked or suspended at any time for violations of the rules and regulations.
- 8.1.4 The invalidity of any section or provision of Chapter 8 of this By-Law shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.
- 8.1.5 Non-criminal Disposition – In addition to the procedure of enforcement as described above, the provisions of this By-law may also be enforced by the Department of Public Works Director, by non-criminal complaint pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 40, Section 21D. Each day on which a violation exists shall be deemed a separate offense. The penalty for violation of any provision of this By-law shall be \$25.00 for the first offense; \$50.00 for the second offense; \$100.00 for the third offense; and \$200.00 for the fourth and each subsequent offense.

CHAPTER 9 - WETLANDS PROTECTION

9.1 WETLANDS PROTECTION

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9.1.1 Purpose and Scope.

The purpose of this Bylaw is to protect the wetlands, related water resources and adjoining land areas of the Town of Duxbury by controlling activities deemed by the Duxbury Conservation Commission (“Conservation Commission”) likely to have a significant or cumulative adverse effect upon protection of the following resource area values, including but not limited to the following: protection of public or private water supply; groundwater; flood control, erosion and sedimentation control; storm damage prevention, including coastal storm flowage; prevention of water pollution; fisheries, shellfish, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat, including rare plant and animal species; recreation, agriculture, aquaculture and aesthetics (collectively, “the wetland values (interests) protected by this Chapter”). This Chapter is intended to utilize the Home Rule authority of this municipality to protect additional resource areas, for additional values, with additional standards and procedures stricter than those of the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch. 131, § 40 and Regulations thereunder, 310 CMR 10.00. Activities for the normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or aqua cultural use, as defined in the Wetland Protection Act and its implementing regulations at 310 CMR 10.04, shall not be subject to this Bylaw.

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9.1.2 Jurisdiction.

Except as permitted by the Conservation Commission or as provided in this Bylaw, no person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise alter the following resource areas: any bank, fresh water or coastal wetland, isolated wetland, beach, dune, flat, marsh, wet meadow, bog, swamp, vernal pool, the ocean, estuary, creek, river, stream, pond or lake, land under water body, land subject to tidal action, coastal storm flowage, or flooding, land subject to flooding or inundation by ground water or surface water, land within a minimum distance of 100 feet from any of the aforesaid resource areas (buffer zone), and land within 200 feet of a river (collectively the “resource areas protected by this bylaw”). Said resource areas shall be protected whether or not they border surface waters.

9.1.3 Exceptions.

Exceptions may be made for maintaining, repairing or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public and used to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph and other telecommunication services.

9.1.4 Promulgation of Regulations.

The Conservation Commission may adopt such additional definitions, regulations, fees, and performance standards as they may deem necessary to protect the interests of this Bylaw. Said definitions, regulations, fees and performance standards shall become effective upon publication following a public hearing for which public notice has been provided.

9.1.5 Definitions

Adverse effect: A greater than negligible change in the resource area or one of its characteristics or factors that diminishes the value of the resource area to one or more of the specific interests of this Bylaw, as determined by the issuing authority. “Negligible” means small enough to be disregarded as determined by the Conservation Commission.

Aesthetics: The natural scenery and appearance of any resource area.

Alter: Includes, without limitation, the following activities when undertaken to, upon, within or affecting resource areas or interests protected by this Bylaw:

- (a) Removal, excavation, or dredging of soil, sand, gravel, or aggregate materials of any kind;

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- (b) Changing of preexisting drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, or flood retention characteristics;
- (c) Drainage, or other disturbance of water level or water table;
- (d) Dumping, discharging, or filling with any material which may degrade water quality;
- (e) Placing of fill, or removal of material;
- (f) Driving of piles, construction or expansion or repair of buildings or structures or construction of any kind whether it be for commercial, residential, recreational or other purposes, regardless of its size;
- (g) Placing of obstructions or objects in water or the surface water or groundwater hydrology of any resource area;
- (h) Destruction or removal of plant life, including, but not limited to, cutting or trimming of trees and shrubs;
- (i) Changing temperature, biochemical oxygen demand, or other physical, biological, or chemical characteristics of any waters;
- (j) Any activities, changes, or work which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution of any body of water or groundwater; and
- (k) Incremental activities which cause, or may cause, a cumulative adverse effect on the resource areas and interests protected by this bylaw.

Cumulative adverse effect: The adverse effects of activities regulated under this Bylaw which may be individually insignificant to the interests and values under this Bylaw, but when considered in relation to other past or present activities in a given area may be significant to said interests and values in the aggregate.

Person: The term “person,” as used in this Bylaw, shall include any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, or any other legal entity or its legal representative, agents or assigns.

Except as otherwise provided in this Bylaw or in regulations of the Conservation Commission, the definitions of terms and procedures in this Bylaw shall be as set forth in the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

9.1.6 Permit Applications, Notice and Hearings.

No one intending to conduct any of the above named activities may commence such activity within the jurisdiction of this Bylaw without filing written notice of their intention so to remove, fill, dredge or alter and without receiving and complying with an order of conditions and provided all appeal periods have elapsed. Such notice shall be sent by certified mail

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or hand delivered to the Conservation Commission, including such plans as may be necessary to describe such proposed activity and its effect on the environment. The Conservation Commission may require additional materials or information in addition to the plans and specifications required to be filed by an applicant under MGL c. 131, § 40, in order to fulfill the requirements of this Bylaw. The said Conservation Commission, in its discretion, may hear any oral presentation under this Bylaw at the same public hearing required to be held under the provisions of said c.131, § 40. The Conservation Commission shall make a determination as to whether or not this Bylaw applies to a specific situation prior to the filing of a written notice of intent under the provisions hereof, within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt of a written request sent by certified mail or hand delivered from any person desiring such determination. The Duxbury Conservation Commission shall within five (5) business days of receiving a request for a determination or a notice of intent for the proposed activities within a coastal resource area, as defined in Chapter 131, section 40 of M.G.L. or as determined by the Duxbury Conservation Commission, request that the Duxbury Bay Management Commission provide written comments and recommendations before DCC takes final action on said request for determination or notice of intent.

9.1.7 Approval, Conditions and Denials.

The Conservation Commission is authorized to approve a permit when it determines that the proposed work meets all applicable performance standards and procedures under this Bylaw or when work can be conditioned to meet all such performance standards, and where it determines that the work will not result in significant or cumulative adverse effects upon wetland interests protected by this Bylaw. The Conservation Commission is empowered to deny a permit for failure to meet the requirements of this Bylaw; for failure to submit necessary information and plans requested by the Conservation Commission; for failure to meet the design specifications, performance standards and other requirements in regulations of the Conservation Commission; for failure to avoid or prevent significant or cumulative effects upon the wetland interests protected by this Chapter; or where no conditions are adequate to protect those values, in its sole discretion as the issuing authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, each permit, application, notice and hearing will be considered on its own merits. The Conservation Commission is empowered to deny permission for any removal, dredging, filling, or altering of subject lands within the town if, in its judgment, such denial is necessary to preserve environmental quality of either or both the subject lands and contiguous lands. Due consideration shall be given to possible effects of the proposal on all values to be protected under this Bylaw and to any demonstrated hardship on the petitioner by reason of a denial, as brought forth at the public hearing. Any order of conditions issued under this Bylaw may differ

from any such order issued by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of MGL, c. 131, § 40.

9.1.8 Emergency Certification.

The notice required by this Bylaw shall not apply to emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health or safety of the citizens of Duxbury and to be performed or ordered to be performed by an administrative agency of the Commonwealth or by the Town. Emergency projects shall mean any projects certified to be an emergency by the Conservation Commission or its agent. In no case shall any removal, filling, dredging or alteration authorized by such certification extend beyond the minimum amount of work and time necessary to abate the emergency. The Conservation Commission or its agent may impose conditions to protect wetland interests and values of this Bylaw. Failure to agree to or follow these conditions shall be due cause for stopping all work. Upon failure to meet these requirements, the Conservation Commission may order all such work stopped and require the filing of a Notice of Intent or other application, as described under Permitting.

9.1.9 Right of Entry.

The Conservation Commission, its agent, and officers, may enter upon the land which the proposed work is to be done in response to a request for a prior determination or for the purpose of carrying out its duties under this Bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examination or survey as deemed necessary.

9.1.10 Enforcement.

The Conservation Commission shall have the authority to enforce this Bylaw, its regulations, and permits issued thereunder by violation notices, administrative orders, and civil and criminal court actions. Upon request of the Conservation Commission to the Board of Selectmen, the Town Counsel may take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Conservation Commission, the Chief of Police may take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

Any person, who violates any provision of this Bylaw, regulations thereunder, or permits issued thereunder, shall be punished by a fine set by the Conservation Commission in a manner consistent with Section 7.10. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the Bylaw, regulations or permit violated shall constitute a separate offense.

Non-criminal Disposition – In addition to the procedure of enforcement as described above, the provision of this Bylaw may also be enforced by the

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Conservation Commission or its agent, by non-criminal complaint pursuant to the provisions of MGL, c. 40, § 21D. The penalty for violation of any provision of this Bylaw shall be \$300.00 for the first offense and each subsequent offense. Each provision of the chapter, regulations or permit violation that is violated shall constitute a separate offense.

9.1.11 Security.

As part of a permit issued under this Bylaw, in addition to any security required by any other municipal or state board, agency or official, the Conservation Commission may require that the performance and observance of the conditions imposed thereunder (including requiring mitigation work) be secured wholly or in part by one or more of the methods described below.

- (a) By a proper bond or deposit of money or negotiable securities or other undertaking of financial responsibility sufficient in the opinion of the Conservation Commission, to be released in whole or in part upon issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for work performed pursuant to the permit. Such bond or deposit shall be released only upon issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.
- (b) By accepting a conservation restriction, easement, or other covenant enforceable in a court of law, executed and duly recorded by the owner or record, running with the land to the benefit of this municipality whereby the permit conditions shall be performed and observed before any lot may be conveyed other than by mortgage deed. This method shall be used only with the consent of the applicant.

9.1.12 Burden of Proof.

The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of credible evidence that the work proposed in the application will not have significant or cumulative adverse effects upon the wetland values protected by this Chapter, as determined by the Conservation Commission. Failure to provide evidence to the Conservation Commission to support this burden shall be sufficient cause for the Conservation Commission to deny a permit or grant a permit with conditions.

9.1.13 Consultant Fee.

Upon receipt of a permit application or request for determination of applicability or other filing, the Conservation Commission is authorized to require an applicant to pay a fee for the reasonable costs and expenses borne by the Conservation Commission for specific expert engineering and other consultant services deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission to make a final decision on the application and for enforcement services. This

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fee is called the consultant fee. The specific consultant services may include, but are not limited to, resource area survey and delineation, analysis of resource area values, such as wildlife habitat evaluations, hydrological and drainage analysis, hydric soil analysis, and other analyses; and review of applicable environmental or land use law. Fees are to be established by the Conservation Commission acting under MGL Chapter 40 section 8C and M.G.L. Chapter 44 section 53G.

9.1.14 Fee Waiver.

The Conservation Commission may waive fees when an application fee for a permit filing or request for determination of applicability or other application is made by a government agency or not-for-profit organization.

9.1.15 Appeals.

Any applicant, owner or abutter, any person aggrieved or any ten (10) residents of Duxbury may appeal an order of the Conservation Commission under this Bylaw to the Superior Court of Plymouth County within sixty (60) days following the date of issuance of the order, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 24 § 4.

9.1.16 Severability.

Should any section or provision of this Chapter be found invalid, the validity of any other section or provision thereof shall not be affected, nor shall it invalidate any permit, approval or determination which previously has been issued.

9.1.17 Relation to the Wetlands Protection Act and Other Federal, State and Local Statutes.

This Bylaw is adopted under the Home Rule Amendments of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule statutes, independent of the Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. Ch. 131 § 40 and implementing regulations, and other federal, state and local environmental statutes. Activities that may not require review or permitting under the Wetlands Protection Act, the Rivers Protection Act, or other federal, state or local statutes are not assumed to be exempt from this Bylaw.

9.1.18 Coordination of Permitting.

In order to ensure that various permit granting authorities review the impacts upon resources protected by this Bylaw in a coordinated manner, and where the provisions of this Bylaw are applicable, applicants for permits under federal, state or local statute or regulation shall comply with the

requirements for filing under this Bylaw within forty-five (45) days of said application made under federal, state or local statute or regulation.

CHAPTER 10 - WATER

10.1 WATER RESTRICTION

10.1.1 Authority

This Bylaw is adopted by the Town under its powers to protect public health and welfare and its powers under M.G.L. c. 40 Sec. 21 et seq. and implements the Town's authority to regulate water use pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41 Sec. 69B. This Bylaw also implements the Town's authority under M.G.L. c. 40 Sec. 41A, conditioned upon a declaration of water supply emergency issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

10.1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Bylaw is to protect, preserve, and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a State of Water Supply Conservation or State of Water Supply Emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Department of Environmental Protection.

10.1.3 Definitions

Person shall mean any individual, corporation, trust, partnership or association, or other entity.

State of Water Supply Emergency shall mean a State of Water Supply Emergency declared by the Department of Environmental Protection under M.G.L. c. 21G, Secs. 15-17.

State of Water Supply Conservation shall mean a State of Water Supply Conservation declared by the Town pursuant to section 4 of this Bylaw.

Water Users or Water Consumers shall mean all public and private users of the Town's public water system, irrespective of any person's responsibility for billing purposes for water used at any particular facility

10.1.4 Declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation

The Town, through its Board of Water Commissioners, may declare a State of Water Supply Conservation upon a determination by a majority vote of the Board that a shortage of water exists and conservation measures are appropriate to ensure an adequate supply of water to all water consumers. Public notice of a State of Water Conservation shall be given under section 6 of this Bylaw before it may be enforced.

10.1.5 Restricted Water Uses

A declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation shall include one or more of the following restrictions, conditions, or requirements limiting the use of water as necessary to protect the water supply. The applicable restrictions, conditions or requirements shall be included in the public notice required under section 6.

- a) **Odd/Even Day Outdoor Watering** Outdoor watering by water users with odd numbered addresses is restricted to odd numbered days. Outdoor watering by water users with even numbered addresses is restricted to even numbered days.
- b) **Outdoor Watering Ban** Outdoor watering is prohibited.
- c) **Outdoor Watering Hours** Outdoor watering is permitted only during daily periods of low demand, to be specified in the declaration of a State of Water Supply Conservation and public notice thereof.
- d) **Filling Swimming Pools** Filling of swimming pools is not allowed during periods of restricted water use. This applies to new or empty swimming pools which require quantities of water in excess of 500 gallons.
- e) **Automatic Sprinkler Use** The use of automatic sprinkler systems is subject to outdoor water restrictions or ban as described above.

10.1.6 Public Notification of a State of Water Supply Conservation; Notification of DEP

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition imposed by the Town as part of a State of Water Supply conservation shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, or by such

other means reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of water of the State of Water Supply conservation. Any restriction imposed under section 5 shall not be effective until such notification is provided. Notification of the State of Water Supply conservation shall also be simultaneously provided to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

10.1.7 Termination of a State of Water Supply Conservation; Notice

A State of Water Supply conservation may be terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Water Commissioners, upon a determination that the water supply shortage no longer exists. Public notification of the termination of a State of Water Supply conservation shall be given in the same manner required by section 6.

10.1.8 State of Water Supply Emergency; Compliance with DEP Orders

Upon notification to the public that a declaration of a State of Water Supply Emergency has been issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, no person shall violate any provision, restriction, requirement, condition of any order approved or issued by the Department intended to bring about an end to the State of Emergency.

10.1.9 Penalties

Any person violating this bylaw shall be liable to the Town in the amounts of \$50 for the first violation and \$100 for each subsequent violation which shall inure to the Town. Fines shall be recovered on complaint before the District Court. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. Penalties as defined herein may be collected as an excess water charge and placed on water bills for collection.

10.1.10 Severability

The invalidity of any portion or provision of this Bylaw shall not invalidate any other portion or provision thereof.

CHAPTER 10.2 WATER SUPPLY

10.2.1 Authority:

This By-Law is adopted by the Town under its home rule powers, its police powers to protect health and welfare and its specific authorization under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 21 and 21D.

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10.2.2 Purpose:

The purpose of this By-Law is to protect, preserve and maintain the public health, safety and welfare whenever there is in force a state of water supply emergency by providing for enforcement of any duly imposed restrictions, requirements, provisions or conditions imposed by the Town or by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and included in the Town's plan approved by the Department of Environmental Protection to abate the emergency.

10.2.3 Definitions:

For the purpose of this By-Law:

Enforcement authority shall mean the Department of Public Works Water Division authorized representatives.

State of water supply emergency shall mean a state of water supply emergency declared by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 21G, Section 15 and Chapter 111, Section 160 or by the Governor.

10.2.4 Compliance with Water Supply Emergency:

The following shall apply to all users of water supplies supplied by the Town.

Following notification by the Town, of the existence of a state of water supply emergency, no person shall violate any provision, condition, requirement or restriction included in a plan approved by the Department of Environmental Protection which has as its purpose the abatement of a water supply emergency.

Notification of any provision, restriction, requirement or condition with which users of water supplied by the Town are required to comply to abate a situation of water supply emergency shall be sufficient for purpose of this By-Law if it is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Town, or by such other notice as is reasonably calculated to reach and inform all users of the Town water supply.

10.2.5 Penalty:

Any person or entity who violates this By-Law, shall be liable to the Town in the amount of \$50.00 for the first violation and \$100.00 for each subsequent violation which shall inure to the Town for such uses as the Board of Selectmen may direct. Fines shall be recovered by indictment or on complaint before the District Court or by non-criminal disposition

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in accordance with Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws. Each separate instance of noncompliance following the issuance of any warning or citation pursuant to this section shall constitute a separate violation.

10.2.6 Right of Entry:

Agents of the enforcement authority may enter any property but not structures on such property for the purpose of inspecting or investigating any violation of this By-Law or enforcing against the same.

10.2.7 Severability

The invalidity of any portion of this By-Law shall not invalidate any other portion, provision or section hereof.

CHAPTER 11: RIGHT TO FARM BYLAW

11.1 Purpose and Intent

The Town of Duxbury finds that farming is an essential and valued activity, which provides fresh food, clean air, economic diversity, local employment, and open spaces to all the citizens of the town. This by-law is intended to encourage the pursuit of agriculture, promote agricultural-based economic and employment opportunities, and protect farmland within the Town of Duxbury.

The purpose and intent of this by-law is to allow agricultural uses and related activities to function in harmony with the community, Town agencies, and others. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

This by-law re-states with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as stated under the Constitution and General Laws and Regulations, including but not limited to Article 97, of the Constitution, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; (The Zoning Act) Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A.

11.2 Definitions

Farm: Any parcel or parcels of land, or water bodies, used for the purpose of commercial or private agriculture, or accessory thereto.

“Farming” or “Agriculture” or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to commercial and private pursuit of the following:

- Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- Production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquaculture, floriculture, viticulture, or horticultural commodities including orchards;
- Growing and harvesting of forest products, including the production of maple syrup and other related forestry or lumbering operations;
- Breeding, raising, keeping, dairying, and/or selling of livestock, e.g. cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, and alpacas;
- Breeding, raising, keeping, and/or selling horses; e.g. boarding, training, or as an adjunct to farming;
- Breeding, raising, keeping, and/or selling poultry, owls, rabbits, bees, fur-bearing animals and other domesticated animals for food, fiber, fur or other agricultural purposes.

“Farming” shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads with the Town;
- Control of pests, including but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators, and disease organism of plants and animals under generally accepted management practices;
- Application and storage of manure, pesticides, and fertilizers under generally accepted management practices;
- Conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing and agricultural output or services of the farm;
- Processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer’s market or farm stand including signage thereto.
- Maintenance, repair, or storage of farm equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products;
- On-farm relocation of earth or sale of material and the clearing of ground for farming operations;
- Constructing and maintaining farm buildings used for shelter, feed, and storage;

- Maintaining drainage or irrigation ditches; picking stone; constructing, repairing, or maintaining fences; and clearing, renovating and maintaining pastures.

11.3 Right to Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Duxbury. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends; by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practices of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply to those commercial and private agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. For any agricultural practice, in determining the reasonableness of the time, place, and methodology of such practice, consideration shall be given to both traditional customs and procedures as well as to new practices and innovations. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, local zoning law, and local Board of Health rules and regulations.

11.4 Disclosure Notification

In order to ensure that prospective owners and prospective tenants are aware of the policy of the Town of Duxbury expressed in this By-law regarding agricultural uses, the following notification shall be prominently posted in the Duxbury Town Hall, Duxbury Free Library, and on the Town of Duxbury website within 30 days of this bylaw becoming effective. In addition, the notification language required by this section shall appear each year in the Town's Annual Report.

It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect, and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products, and for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a community where farming activities occur and are encouraged. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust, and odors. Buyers and occupants are informed that any property within the Town of Duxbury may be impacted by commercial agricultural and farming activities.

Property owners should make efforts to inform prospective tenants or buyers that Duxbury is a Right to Farm community.

11.5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person having a complaint about a farm activity or practice is encouraged to seek an amicable resolution to the complaint, including talking directly with the involved farmer.

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of the grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Board of Selectmen may forward a copy of the grievance of the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within sixty days.

The Board of Health shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report on its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

11.6 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Duxbury hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

CHAPTER 12: LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT BYLAW

The Town of Duxbury hereby creates a Local Historic District, to be administered by an Historic District Commission as provided for under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40C, as amended.

12.1 Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to aid in the preservation and protection of the distinctive characteristics and architecture of buildings and places significant

in the history of the Town of Duxbury, the maintenance and improvement of their settings and the encouragement of new building designs compatible with the historically significant architecture existing in the Local Historic District(s) when this Bylaw was first adopted in 2011. This Bylaw does not seek to establish an architectural museum, but instead to inform concerning the historical process of architectural growth and adaptation to heighten a sense of educated pride in our heritage.

12.2 Definitions

The terms defined in this section shall be capitalized throughout this Bylaw. Where a defined term has not been capitalized, it is intended that the meaning of the term be the same as the meaning ascribed to it in this section unless another meaning is clearly intended by its context. As used in this Bylaw the following terms shall have the following meaning:

“Alteration” or “To Alter”	The act or the fact of rebuilding, reconstruction, restoration, replication, removal, demolition and other similar activities.
“Building”	A combination of materials forming a shelter for persons, animals or property.
“Certificate”	A Certificate of Appropriateness, a Certificate of Non-Applicability, or a Certificate of Hardship.
“Commission”	The Historic District Commission as established by this Bylaw.
“Construct” or “To Construct”	The act or the fact of building, erecting, installing, enlarging, moving and other similar activities.
“Display Area”	The total surface area of a Sign, including all lettering, wording, designs, symbols, background and frame, but not including any support structure or bracing incidental to the Sign. The Display Area of an individual letter Sign or irregular shaped Sign shall be the area of the smallest rectangle into which the letters or shape will fit. Where Sign faces are placed back to back and face in opposite directions, the Display Area shall be defined as the area of one face of the Sign.
“District”	The Local Historic District as established through this By-law consisting of one or more District areas, and as shown on the most current Official Local Historic District Maps of the Town of Duxbury.
“Exterior	Such portion of the exterior of a Building or Structure as

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Architectural Feature”	is open to view from a public way or ways, including but not limited to architectural style and general arrangement and setting thereof, the kind and texture of exterior building materials, and the type and style of windows, doors, lights, Signs and other appurtenant exterior fixtures.
“Official Local Historic District Maps of the Town of Duxbury”	The maps showing the Districts as established through this By-law, and as may be amended from time to time. The delineation of the District boundaries are based on the parcel boundaries in existence and shown thereon at the time of adoption.
“Person Aggrieved”	The applicant; an owner of adjoining property; an owner of property within the same historic district as the property within one hundred feet of said property lines and any charitable corporation in which one of its purposes is the preservation of historic places, structures, buildings or districts.
“Signs”	Any symbol, design or device used to identify or advertise any place of business, product, activity or person.
“Structure”	A combination of materials other than a Building, including but not limited to a Sign, fence, wall, terrace, walk or driveway.
“Substantially at Grade Level”	Located at the existing or altered surface of the earth or pavement which does not/will not exceed one foot in height above the surface of the earth or pavement.
“Temporary Structure or Building”	A Building not to be in existence for a period of more than two years. A Structure not to be in existence for a period of more than one year.

12.3 District

The District shall consist of one or more District areas as established through this By-law, and as shown on the Official Local Historic District Maps as may be amended from time to time through this By-law, hereby made part of this General By-Laws of the Town of Duxbury Chapter 12 Local Historic Districts.

12.4 Commission

- 12.4.1 The Commission shall consist of five (5) regular members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. When the Commission is first established, two members shall be appointed for one year, two members shall be appointed for two years, and one member shall be appointed for three years. Successors shall each be appointed for terms of three years. Vacancies shall be filled within 60 days by the Board of Selectmen by appointment for the unexpired term. All members shall serve without compensation. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.
- 12.4.2 The Commission shall include among its regular or alternate members, if practical, a Duxbury property owner who resides in each District containing more than one property owner, one Duxbury resident chosen from two nominees put forward by the Board of Realtors covering Duxbury, one Duxbury resident chosen from two nominees put forward by the chapter of the American Institute of Architects covering Duxbury, and one Duxbury resident chosen from two nominees put forward by the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society. If within thirty days after submission of a written request for nominees to any of the organizations herein named insufficient nominations have been made, the Board of Selectmen may proceed to make appointments as it desires.
- 12.4.3 The Board of Selectmen may at its sole discretion, appoint up to a maximum of four (4) alternate members to the Commission for three (3) year terms. The available alternate members with the longest continuous length of service as an alternate may be substituted and vote on a one for one basis, in place of any regular member(s) who may be absent or has/have an actual or apparent conflict of interest, or in the case of a vacancy in the regular memberships.
- 12.4.4 Each member shall continue to serve in office after the expiration date of his or her term until a successor is duly appointed.
- 12.4.5 Meetings of the Commission shall be held at the call of the Chairman, at the request of two members and in such other manner as the Commission shall determine in its Rules and Regulations.
- 12.4.6 A quorum is necessary for the Commission to conduct a meeting. At least three (3) members of the Commission (or Alternate Members with voting rights as to a matter(s) under consideration) must be present.

12.5. Commission Powers and Duties

- 12.5.1 The Commission shall exercise its powers in administering and regulating the Construction and Alteration of any Structures or Buildings within the

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District as set forth under the procedures and criteria established in this Bylaw. In exercising its powers and duties hereunder, the Commission shall pay due regard to the distinctive characteristics of each Building, Structure and District area.

- 12.5.2 The Commission, after public hearing, may by vote of two thirds (2/3rds) of its regular members (not to include alternate members) from time to time adopt, and from time to time amend, reasonable Rules and Regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Bylaw or M.G.L Chapter 40C, setting forth such forms and procedures as it deems desirable and necessary for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business, including requirements for the contents and form of applications for Certificates, hearing procedures and other matters. The Commission shall file a copy of any such Rules and Regulations with the office of the Town Clerk. Fees for all Commission matters shall be set by the Board of Selectmen.
- 12.5.3 The Commission, after a public hearing duly posted and advertised at least 14 days in advance in a conspicuous place in Town Hall and in a newspaper of general circulation in Duxbury, may adopt and from time to time amend guidelines which set forth the designs for certain Exterior Architectural Features which will meet the requirements of the District. No such design guidelines shall limit the right of an applicant for a Certificate to present other designs to the Commission for approval.
- 12.5.4 The Commission shall at the beginning of each fiscal year hold an organizational meeting and elect a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and Secretary, and file notice of such election with the office of the Town Clerk.
- 12.5.5 The Commission shall keep a permanent public record of its resolutions, transactions, decisions and determinations and of the vote of each member participating therein.
- 12.5.6 The Commission shall undertake educational efforts to explain to the public and property owners the merits and functions of a District.

12.6. Alterations and Construction Prohibited Without Certificate

- 12.6.1 No Building or Structure, or any part thereof, which is within a District shall be Constructed or Altered in any way which affects the Exterior Architectural Features visible to the unaided eye from any point of the public way on which the underlying lot or property has frontage, viewed from a point that is no closer to the Building or Structure than the closest edge of pavement, or paved sidewalk if any, unless the Commission shall have first issued a Certificate with respect to such Construction or Alteration, except as this Bylaw otherwise provides.
- 12.6.2 No building permit for Construction of a Building or Structure or for

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Alteration of an Exterior Architectural Feature within a District and no demolition permit for demolition or removal of a Building or Structure within a District shall be issued by the Town or any department thereof until a Certificate as required under this Bylaw has been issued by the Commission.

12.7. Procedures for Review of Applications

- 12.7.1 Any person who desires to obtain a Certificate from the Commission shall file with the Town Clerk and the Commission an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness or non-Applicability or of Hardship as the case may be. The application shall be accompanied by such plans, elevations, specifications, material and other information, including in the case of demolition or removal a statement of the proposed condition and appearance of the property thereafter, as may be reasonably deemed necessary by the Commission to enable it to make a determination on the application. The date of the filing of an application shall be the date on which a copy of such application is received by the office of the Town Clerk.
- 12.7.2 The Commission may appoint one of its members to initially screen applications for Certificates to informally determine whether any application includes and/or is submitted with sufficient information upon which the Commission may reasonably take its required actions. Within fourteen (14) days following the first filing of an application for a Certificate with the Town Clerk, the Commission, at an otherwise appropriately convened meeting, or its appointee may determine without need for a public hearing that insufficient information has been provided, in which case the application may be once returned to the submitting party, with written advice as to what was considered to be lacking, and the applicant will then thereafter be required to re-file the application before any further Commission action is required. Any second filing of essentially the same application must be formally acted upon by the Commission as is otherwise provided in this Bylaw.
- 12.7.3 The Commission shall determine within fourteen (14) days of the filing of an application for a Certificate whether said application involves any Exterior Architectural Features which are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 12.7.4 If the Commission determines that an application for a Certificate does not involve any Exterior Architectural Features, or involves an Exterior Architectural Feature which is not subject to review by the Commission under the provisions of this Bylaw, the Commission shall forthwith issue a Certificate of Non-Applicability.
- 12.7.5 If the Commission determines that such an application involves any Exterior

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Architectural Feature subject to review under this Bylaw, it shall hold a public hearing on the application, except as may otherwise be provided in this Bylaw. The Commission shall hold such a public hearing within forty-five (45) days from the date of the filing of the application. At least fourteen (14) days before said public hearing, public notice shall be given by posting in a conspicuous place in Town Hall and in a newspaper of general circulation in Duxbury. Such notice shall identify the time, place and purpose of the public hearing. Concurrently, a copy of said public notice shall be mailed to the applicant, to the owners of all adjoining properties and of other properties deemed by the Commission to be materially affected thereby, all as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, to the Planning Board, to any person filing a written request for notice of hearings, such request to be renewed yearly in December, and to such other persons as the Commission shall deem entitled to notice.

- 12.7.6 A public hearing on an application for a Certificate need not be held if such hearing is waived in writing by all persons entitled to notice thereof. In addition, a public hearing on an application for a Certificate may be waived by the Commission if the Commission determines that the Exterior Architectural Feature involved, or its category, is so insubstantial in its effect on the District that it may be reviewed by the Commission without a public hearing. If the Commission dispenses with a public hearing on an application for a Certificate, notice of such application shall be given to the owners of all adjoining property and of other property deemed by the Commission to be materially affected thereby as above provided, and ten (10) days shall elapse after the mailing of such notice before the Commission may act upon such application.
- 12.7.7 The Commission shall grant a Certificate, or issue a written decision, within sixty (60) days from the date the pertinent application was filed (or re-filed in the event the application was once returned for lack of information), unless the applicant consents in writing to a specific enlargement of time by which such an issuance may occur. In the absence of any such enlargement of time, should an issuance not be forthcoming within the prescribed time, the applicant is entitled as of right to a Certificate of Hardship.
- 12.7.8 If the Construction or Alteration for which an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness has been filed shall be determined to be inappropriate and therefore disapproved, or in the event of an application for a Certificate of Hardship, the Commission shall determine whether, owing to conditions especially affecting the Building or Structure involved, but not affecting the District generally, failure to approve an application will involve a substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the applicant and whether such application may be approved without substantial detriment to the public welfare and without substantial derogation from the intent and purposes of this Bylaw. If the Commission determines that owing to such conditions failure to approve an application will involve substantial hardship to the

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applicant and approval thereof may be made without such substantial detriment or derogation, the Commission shall issue a Certificate of Hardship.

- 12.7.9 By the concurring vote of at least three members who were present throughout any relevant public hearing and the Commission's discussion leading up to its finding, the Commission must adopt a specific written findings setting forth the basis on which it was initially determined that the application in question involved an Exterior Architectural Feature subject to approval by the Commission and may then:
- A. Grant an appropriate Certificate for the work to be performed, to remain effective regardless of any subsequent change in the ownership of the property; or
 - B. Grant an appropriate Certificate for the work to be performed, to remain effective regardless of any subsequent change in the ownership of the property, with conditions and limitations requiring architectural or plan modifications as to those matters not excluded under Section 9 of this Bylaw which are within the Commission's review jurisdiction; or
 - C. Deny the application with a written statement of the basis for the denial, at which time it may provide written recommendations for changes not excluded from the jurisdiction of the Commission by Section 9 of this Bylaw which, in a subsequent application, might be acceptable to the Commission; or
 - D. Deny the application with a fact specific written statement of the basis for the denial without further recommendations, if essentially the same application has previously been the subject of a prior denial accompanied by written recommendations pursuant to sub-paragraph 7.7C above.
- 12.7.10 Should the Commission, during the course of reviewing an application, find that it does not have review jurisdiction under this Bylaw it shall make an appropriate finding of Non-Applicability.
- 12.7.11 Each Certificate or written decision upon an application by the Commission shall be dated and Signed by the Chairperson or such other person as the Commission may designate and shall be deemed issued upon filing with the Town Clerk.
- 12.7.12 Each Certificate or written decision upon an application by the Commission shall be promptly served on the applicant by the Town Clerk who shall promptly forward a copy thereof to the applicant at the address shown on the application, by first class mail, postage prepaid, and a copy shall be further provided to the Building Commissioner, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen.

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- 12.7.13 Nothing contained in this bylaw shall be deemed to preclude any person contemplating construction or alteration of a Building or Structure within a District from consulting informally with the Commission before submitting any application referred to in this bylaw on any matter which might possibly be within the scope of the Bylaw, and such informal consultations are in fact encouraged. Nothing contained in this bylaw shall be deemed to preclude the Commission from offering informal advice to a potential applicant prior to receiving an application. However, any such preliminary advice offered by the Commission shall not be deemed to set a precedent nor in any way limit the Commission in the exercise of its functions under this bylaw.

12.8. Criteria for Determinations

- 12.8.1 In deliberating on applications for Certificates, the Commission shall consider, among other things, the historic and architectural value and significance of the site, Building or Structure; the general design, proportions, detailing, mass, arrangement, texture, and material of the Exterior Architectural Features involved; and the relation of such Exterior Architectural Features to similar features of Buildings and Structures in the surrounding area.
- 12.8.2 In the case of new Construction or additions to existing Buildings or Structures, the Commission shall consider the appropriateness of the scale, shape and proportion of the Buildings or Structure both in relation to the land area upon which the Building or Structure is situated and in relation to Buildings and Structures in the vicinity. The Commission may in appropriate cases impose dimensional and setback requirements in addition to those required by applicable statute or bylaw, however, such requirements shall not further limit the maximum floor area ratio and height of a Building as defined and permitted in the Duxbury Zoning Bylaw.
- 12.8.3 When ruling on applications for Certificates on solar energy systems as defined in Section 1A of Chapter 40A, the Commission shall consider the policy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to encourage the use of solar energy systems and to protect solar access.
- 12.8.4 The Commission shall not consider interior arrangements or architectural features not subject to public view.
- 12.8.5 The Commission shall not make any recommendation or requirement except for the purpose of preventing developments incongruous to the historic aspects or the architectural characteristics of the surroundings and of the District.
- 12.8.6 The Commission may impose requirements on the screening and location of above ground features of septage systems. Such requirements shall not conflict with requirements of the Duxbury Board of Health.

12.9. Exclusions

- 12.9.1 The Commission's review jurisdiction shall not include the following:
- A. Temporary Buildings, Structures, seasonal decorations or Signs subject, however, to conditions pertaining to the duration of existence and use, location, lighting, removal and similar matters as the Commission may reasonably specify.
 - B. Terraces, walks, patios, driveways, sidewalks and similar Structures, provided that any such Structure is Substantially at Grade Level.
 - C. The number of the residents' personally owned or leased and regularly used motor vehicles which may be routinely parked within the boundaries of a residential property.
 - D. Storm windows and doors, screen windows and doors, and window air conditioners.
 - E. The color of paint applied to the exterior surfaces of Buildings or Structures.
 - F. The color of materials used on roofs.
 - G. Signs of not more than two (2) square feet in Display Area in connection with use of a residence for a customary home occupation or for professional purposes, provided only one such Sign is displayed in connection with each residence and if illuminated is illuminated only indirectly; and one Sign in connection with the nonresidential use of each Building or Structure which is not more than six (6) square feet in Display Area, consists of letters painted on wood without symbol or trademark and if illuminated is illuminated indirectly.
 - H. The reconstruction, substantially similar in exterior design, of a Building, Structure or Exterior Architectural Feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm, or other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.
 - I. The point of access served by handicapped access ramps designed solely for the purpose of facilitating ingress or egress of a physically handicapped person, as defined in M.G.L c.22 s13A.
- 12.9.2 Nothing in this Bylaw shall be construed to prevent the following;
- A. Ordinary maintenance, repair or replacement of any Exterior Architectural Feature within a District which does not involve a change in design, material or the outward appearance thereof.
 - B. Landscaping with plants, trees or shrubs.
 - C. The meeting of requirements certified by a duly authorized public officer to be necessary for public safety because of an unsafe, unhealthful or dangerous condition.
 - D. Any Construction or Alteration under a permit duly issued prior to

the effective date of this Bylaw.

- E. Upon request the Commission shall issue a Certificate of Non-Applicability with respect to Construction or Alteration in any category not subject to review by the Commission in accordance with the above provisions.

12.10. Categorical Approval

- 12.10.1 The Commission may determine from time to time after a public hearing, duly advertised and posted at least fourteen (14) days in advance in a conspicuous place in Town Hall and in a newspaper of general circulation in Duxbury, that certain categories of Exterior Architectural Features, Structures or Buildings under certain conditions may be Constructed or Altered without review by the Commission without causing substantial derogation from the intent and purpose of this Bylaw.

12.11. Enforcement and Penalties

- 12.11.1 No Alteration or Construction of any Building or Structure wholly or partially in a District for which a Certificate is required by this Bylaw shall deviate from the terms and conditions of such a Certificate.
- 12.11.2 The Director of Municipal Services of the Town of Duxbury shall enforce this Bylaw upon a determination by the Commission that a violation exists, and subject to the approval of the Town Manager, may institute proceedings in Superior Court pursuant to M.G.L. c.40C §13 for injunctive or other relief and/or imposition of fines.
- 12.11.3 The Commission, upon a written complaint challenging some enforcement action by the Director of Municipal Services, received by the Town Clerk within five (5) days following such decision, by a Person Aggrieved, or other citizen of or property owner in the Town of Duxbury, shall hold a timely public hearing to determine whether or not the Building Commissioner's action should be upheld, in whole or in part.
- 12.11.4 Whoever violates any of the provisions of this By-law shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each offense under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40C, Section 13. Each day during any portion of which such violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

12.12 Appeals

- 12.12.1 An appeal of a determination of the Commission, except as to the propriety of a decision to invoke the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40C § 13 (institution of an action in Superior Court) by the Building Commissioner, may be taken by a Person Aggrieved by filing a written request with the Town Clerk, acting

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as an agent of the Commission, within twenty (20) days of the issuance of a Certificate or a disapproval. In the event of such an appeal, the Duxbury Town Manager, or his delegate, shall make a timely request to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council that it promptly designate an arbitrator(s) with competence and experience in such matters to hear such an appeal. If such a person(s) is/are so designated he/she/they must hear the appeal in a timely manner and issue a written decision within forty-five (45) days of the request as specified in M.G.L. c. 40C § 12. The arbitration decision shall be binding on the parties, unless a Complaint seeking a further appeal is filed in Superior Court within twenty (20) days from the filing of the arbitration decision with the Town Clerk, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40C § 12A.

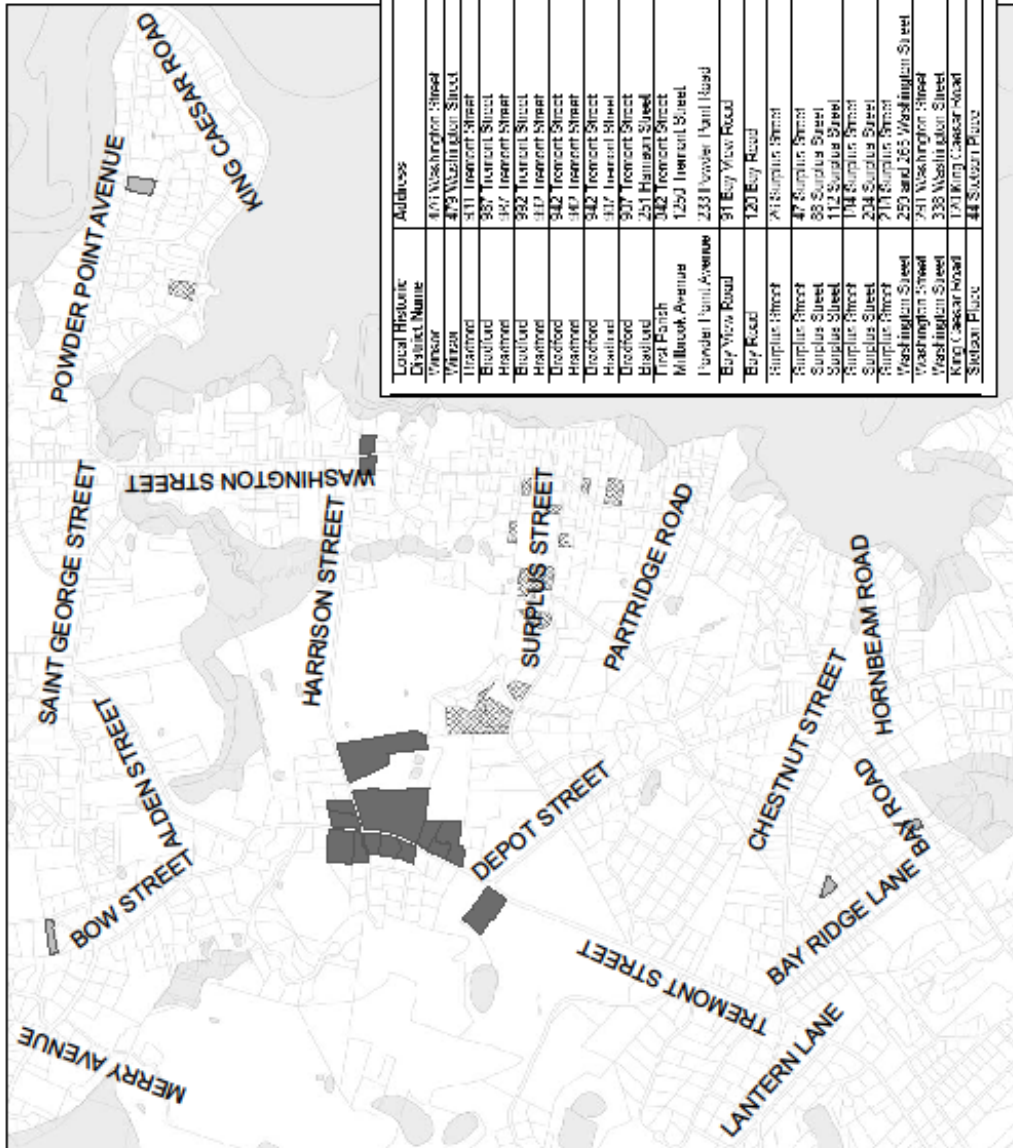
12.13. Validity and Separability

- 12.13.1 The provisions of this Bylaw shall be deemed to be separable. If any of its provisions, sections, subsections, sentences or clauses shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Bylaw shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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 LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT MAP
 PER DUXBURY GENERAL BY-LAWS
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Legend

-  Local Historic Districts
-  Pending ADO Approval (2016 Special TM)
-  Proposed Historic Districts
-  Proposed Historic Districts



Local Historic District Name	Address	Parcel ID / MBLU	Town Meeting Action
Venue	471 Washington Street	115-0001E4-A through I	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Venue	473 Washington Street	115-1397000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Venue	511 Tremont Street	107-0041000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Blufford	337 Tremont Street	107-0031000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Blufford	357 Tremont Street	107-0031000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Blufford	392 Tremont Street	107-0021000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Blufford	412 Tremont Street	107-0021000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Blufford	342 Tremont Street	107-0041000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Blufford	347 Tremont Street	107-0041000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Blufford	317 Tremont Street	106-8041000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Blufford	307 Tremont Street	106-8041000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Blufford	251 Harrison Street	106-8031000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
First Parish	383 Tremont Street	055-2031000	2011 sp. July 2, 2011
Milbrook Avenue	1250 Tremont Street	055-0441000	Special 2016 off
Powder Point Avenue	2331 Powder Point Road	134-1021000	Special 2016 off
Bay View Road	31 Bay View Road	110-0051000	Special 2016 off
Bay Road	120 Bay Road	111-0051000	Special 2016 off
Surplus Street	24 Surplus Street	115-1001000	Proposed 2017 ADO
Surplus Street	47 Surplus Street	115-1001000	Proposed 2017 ADO
Surplus Street	83 Surplus Street	115-071000	Proposed 2017 ADO
Surplus Street	112 Surplus Street	115-8881000	Proposed 2017 ADO
Surplus Street	142 Surplus Street	105-9671000	Proposed 2017 ADO
Surplus Street	204 Surplus Street	108-0841000	Proposed 2017 ADO
Surplus Street	310 Surplus Street	105-9671000	Proposed 2017 ADO
Washington Street	250 and 265 Washington Street	120-1771000	Proposed 2017 ADO
Washington Street	241 Washington Street	100-1071000	Proposed 2017 ADO
Washington Street	338 Washington Street	115-0831000	Proposed 2017 ADO
King Caesar Road	170 King Caesar Road	134-0041000	Proposed 2017 ADO
Statton Place	44 Statton Place	112-0801000	Proposed 2017 ADO



NORTH

Date: 12/20/2016

Alden House - In the early 1960s, the town discovered the cellar hole to the original Alden House during excavations to construct the public schools and fields. The site has been, marked, maintained and is now a National Historic Landmark through the US Department of the Interior. The Alden House is now located at 105 Alden Street. In 1966, the cellar hole site was voted by Town Meeting to be considered a Local Historic District.

THE TOWN OF DUXBURY RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THAT ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS, VIDEO CAMERAS, EQUIPMENT OR IMAGING DEVICES BE KEPT OFF THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN OF DUXBURY AT ALL TIMES. THE TOWN OF DUXBURY REQUESTS THAT ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS, VIDEO CAMERAS, EQUIPMENT OR IMAGING DEVICES BE KEPT OFF THE PROPERTY OF THE TOWN OF DUXBURY AT ALL TIMES.

Prepared by Duxbury Planning Department

CHAPTER 13: PLASTIC BAG BAN

13.1 DEFINITIONS

“Carryout Bag” A Carryout Bag is plastic bag with a thickness of film of less than 3 mils. Carryout Bags do not include bags typically used to contain dry cleaning, newspapers, and small bags to contain fish, meats, or produce.

“Reusable Carryout Bag” A Reusable Carryout Bag means one that satisfies all of the following requirements:

1. It is made solely of or in a combination of natural cloths, synthetic fibers, other washable material; or of a non-toxic plastic (as defined by applicable state and federal regulations) that is no less than 3 mils thick; and
2. It is specifically designed for reuse.

“Recyclable Paper Bag” A Recyclable Paper Bag means a bag that is:

1. 100% recyclable; and
2. contains at least 40% post-consumer recycled paper content.

“Establishment” An Establishment means any business selling goods, articles, or personal services to the public, including but not limited to restaurants.

13.2 FINDINGS, PURPOSE AND DECLARATION

Purpose. The purpose of this bylaw is:

1. To help lessen the deterioration of the environment;
2. To further educate the public regarding the importance of using biodegradable materials;
3. To provide additional enforcement to protect public and private property from litter; *and*
4. To encourage the use of Reusable Carryout Bags and thereby decrease plastic waste.

13.3 PLASTIC BAG BAN/PROHIBITION

No Establishment in the Town of Duxbury shall use or provide Carryout Bags to its customers. Establishments in the Town of Duxbury shall only provide Reusable Carryout Bags to its customers. Nothing in this section shall be read to preclude any Establishment from using Recyclable Paper Bags at the point of sale.

13.4 ENFORCEMENT

This By-law shall be enforced by the Board of Health or any designee or agent thereof, including determining the appropriate inspection process

All of the requirements set forth in this By-law shall take effect within six (6) months of the approval of the By-law by the Office of the Massachusetts State's Attorney General and satisfaction of the posting/publication requirements of G.L. c. 40, § 32. However, if a retail establishment cannot comply with the effective date of this By-law due to economic hardship, the establishment may petition the Board of Health for an extension of six (6) additional months in which to come into compliance.

This By-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity, including but limited to non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c.40, § 21D and the appropriate chapter of the Town's General By-laws. If a non-criminal disposition is elected, then any Establishment that violates this By-law shall be subject to the following penalties:

First Offense:	Written Warning
Second Offense:	\$50 fine
Third Offense:	\$100 fine
Each Subsequent Offense:	\$200 fine

All such fines shall be paid to the Town of Duxbury.

13.5 SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this By-law is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions of this By-law, which shall remain in full force and effect.

CHAPTER 14: TAX TITLE PAYMENT PLANS

- 14.1.** Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 60, §62A, the Treasurer-Town Collector shall be authorized to enter into written payment agreements with every person entitled to redeem ownership of parcels in tax title which have been taken by the Town as a result of nonpayment of real estate taxes. The payment agreement shall be executed on such terms and conditions for payment of the delinquent taxes, interest and any other costs, fees or charges associated with same, in accordance with G.L. c. 60, §62A and this by-law. The Treasurer-Town Collector shall not refuse to enter into agreements with eligible taxpayers.
- 14.2** This by-law shall apply to all taxpayers with parcels in the following assessment categories of tax title in the Town:
- a. Commercial property;
 - b. Residential property;
 - c. Industrial; and
 - d. Open space.
- 14.3** The following conditions shall be met prior to the Town entering into a payment agreement:
- a. The Town has not filed a petition to foreclose the rights of redemption with the Land Court, and the recording date of the Instrument of Taking recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds shall be no more than ten (10) years from the date of the proposed agreement; and
 - b. All real estate taxes due for the current fiscal year assessed against the parcel shall be paid to date.
- 14.4** All payment agreements shall comply with the following minimum requirements:
- a. The payment agreement shall be for a term of five (5) years, provided, however, that nothing herein shall preclude the taxpayer from completing payments of the amount owed within a shorter period of time;
 - b. The payment agreement shall include a waiver of 50% of the interest that has accrued in the tax title account, but only if the taxpayer complies with the terms of the agreement (no taxes or collection costs may be waived); and

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- c. The payment agreement shall state the amount of the payment due from the taxpayer at the time of execution of the agreement, which shall be at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount needed to redeem the parcel at the inception of the agreement. The taxpayer shall then agree to pay the remaining balance due to the Town in equal monthly installments.

14.5 After the Town has received seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount due, the taxpayer shall be entitled to a credit equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the accrued interest on the tax title account. This credit shall be applied against the final installment payment(s) due under the payment agreement.

14.6 During the term of the agreement, the Treasurer-Town Collector shall not bring an action to foreclose the tax title unless payments are not made in accordance with the schedule set out in the payment agreement or timely payments are not made on other amounts due to the Town that constitute a lien on the same parcel.

APPENDIX A

Acts of Legislature Accepted by the Town

Chapter 30B - STM 4/28/1990, Article 8 -The Town voted to rescind its previously voted acceptance of Chapter 217 of the Acts of 1980 and vote to accept all provisions of Chapter 687 of the Acts of 1989, commonly referred to as the Uniform Procurement Act (CH. 30B of MGL).

Chapter 30B, Section 12B - ATM 4/27/1991 - To solicit and award any and all contracts for any term not to exceed five (5) years.

Chapter 31 – ATM 3/10/2012 –The position of Deputy Police Chief shall be exempt from Chapter 31 of the General Laws. Approved 9/26/2012

Chapter 31, Section 48 - ATM 3/6/1943 - Places regular permanent police officers under classified Civil Service.

Chapter 31, Section 49 – 3/6/1943 - Providing for placing the office of Chief of Police under Civil Service. Oct. 21, 1978 – Voted to remove future Police Chiefs from this status.

Chapter 32, Section 11B - 1964 Town Election - Regarding Employee Insurance - 50% premium cost payment of Group Health Insurance to retired elderly and their dependents and a portion of the administrative expense to be paid by the Town.

Chapter 32, Section 90C – ATM 1974, Article 18 – Provides for increasing the retirement allowance of any former employee

Chapter 32B - 1956 Town Election - Authorizing any city, town, county or district to provide a plan of group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance, and group general blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance for certain persons in the service of such city, town, county or district and their dependents.

Chapter 32B, Section 18 - STM 11/13/2006, Article 5 - Medicare Extension Plans-providing for mandatory transfer of all of the Town’s Retirees, their Spouses, and Dependents insured or eligible to be insured to a Medicare Extension Plan offered by the Town.

Chapter 32B, Section 20 – ATM 3/10/2012, Article 15 – To establish a separate fund entitled “Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund”.

Chapter 39, Section 15 - STM 3/11/2000 - Provides rules for Moderator, pertaining to declaring a motion passed by a voice vote of at least 2/3 at Town Meetings. A count need not be taken unless the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters.

Chapter 39, Section 23D - ATM 3/10/2007 – Mullen Rule for attendance at Hearings applies to all Adjudicatory Hearings conducted by Town’s Boards, Committees, Councils and Commissions as set forth in the General Bylaws of the Town under Section 3 and 6.

Chapter 40, Section 5(63) - 3/15/1972 - Appropriates money for the Youth Commission *and* Chapter 40, Section 8E – Accepted 3/15/1972 – Establishing a Youth Commission

Chapter 40, Section 6B - Accepted 11/9/1945 - Permits cities and towns to purchase uniforms for their Police Department.

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Chapter 40, Section 6C – Accepted ATM 3/20/1971 - Selectmen are authorized to order plowing of certain private ways.

Chapter 40, Section 8C – Accepted 3/9/1963 - Establishing a "Conservation Commission".

Chapter 40, Section 8D – Accepted 8/16/75 - Establishing a "Historical Commission" (enlarged to 7 members in 1976).

Chapter 40, Section 8E – Accepted 3/15/1972 – Establishing a Youth Commission *and* Chapter 40, Section 5(63) - 3/15/1972 - Appropriates money for the same.

Chapter 40, Section 8E - ATM March 8, 2003, Article 52 - Establishing a Youth Commission

Chapter 40, Section 8G - Accepted STM 3/9/02-Article 4 - Entitles the Town of Duxbury to enter into an agreement with other cities and towns for providing mutual aid programs for police departments.

Chapter 40, Section 8J – Accepted ATM 4/24/1993, Article 35 - Provides for establishment of a Municipal Commission on Disability.

Chapter 40, Section 13D – Accepted STM 3/14/2015, Article 11 – Established a reserve fund for the future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences due any employee or full-time officer of the Town upon the termination of the employee's or full-time officer's employment, or upon retirement.

Chapter 40, Section 13E – STM 3/11/2017, Article 11 – to establish a reserve fund for the payment of future unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out-of-district tuition or transportation.

Chapter 40, Section 15C – Accepted ATM 1975, Article 83 - Scenic roads. Upon recommendation or request of the planning board, conservation commission or historical commission of any city or town, such city or town may designate any road in said city or town, other than a numbered route or state highway as a scenic road; provided, however, that a numbered route may be designated by a city or town as a scenic road if its entire length is contained within the boundaries of said city or town, and no part of said route is owned or maintained by the commonwealth.

Chapter 40, Section 21 (10) – Accepted ATM 3/11/1961 – House Numbering - The selectmen shall assign to each and every existing dwelling place and each and every place of business and to each new dwelling place and to each new place of business, provided that such dwelling place or place of business has a separate exterior entrance, on or near a public or private way, a street number in the following manner: even numbers shall be assigned to the north and west side of streets and odd numbers shall be assigned to south and east sides of streets.

Chapter 40, Section 21D - ATM 3/14/2009, Article 31 – Allows the Town to option to utilize a non-criminal procedure for disposition of violations of the Duxbury Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations for Use of Town of Duxbury Conservation Lands as defined in Regulation #17.

Chapter 40, Section 21D - ATM 3/13/1999, Article 50 – Allows the Town the option to utilize a non-criminal procedure for the disposition of violations of the Board of Health Rules and Regulations.

Chapter 40, Section 21D - ATM 3/14/1998, Article 25 – Allows the Town the option to utilize a non-criminal penalty for violations of Section 7.18 of the Town of Duxbury General Bylaws titled: Handicapped Parking.

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Chapter 40, Section 21D - ATM 3/14/1998, Article 19 – Allows the Animal Control Officer of the Town to utilize a non-criminal procedure for the disposition of violations of Section 7.1 of the Town of Duxbury General Bylaws titled Dog Control.

Chapter 40, Section 21D - ATM-3/8/1997- Allows the Town the option to utilize a non-criminal penalty for violations of the following:

1. General By-laws Section 8.1.5 Public Works & Director of Inspectional Services - Earth Removal (ATM Article 21)
2. General By-laws Section 9.1.8 - Wetlands Protection (ATM Article 22)
3. Protective By-law Section 911.3 for the Director of Inspectional Services (ATM Article 23)
4. Harbormaster's Rules & Regulations for non-criminal fines. (ATM Article 24)
5. Shellfish Rules & Regulations (ATM Article 25)

Chapter 40, Section 22D – Accepted STM 5/5/1986, Article 7 - authorizes the Board of Selectmen to establish traffic regulations and provide for towing vehicles found in violation of the law or Town By-laws.

Chapter 40, Section 22F - ATM 4/24/1993, Article 25 - Permits the Board of Selectmen to establish fees for inspectional services equal to the cost of performing said services.[wording as approved at Town Meeting] Section 22F, paragraph 1 states. Any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate, or to render a service or perform work for a person or class of persons, may, from time to time, fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits, or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remain with such issuing city or town, and may fix reasonable charges to be paid for any services rendered or work performed by the city or town or any department thereof, for any person or class of persons; provided, however, that in the case of a board or officer appointed by an elected board, the fixing of such fee shall be subject to the review and approval of such elected board.

Chapter 40, Section 39K (Acts of 1986) – Accepted STM 3/12/1988, Article 2 - permitting the establishment of a separate account classified as an "Enterprise Fund" for the Water Division of the Department of Public Works and its operation.

Chapter 40, Sections 42 A, B, C, D and F – 1929 - Members of the Duxbury Fire and Water District voted unanimously to accept Ch. 40, Sec. 42, A, B, C, D and F. The selectmen may, upon terms and conditions prescribed by them, authorize the laying of pipes and conduits for the conveyance of water under any public way in their town

Chapter 40, Sections 42G, 42H, and 42I – Chapter 232 Acts of 1955 – ATM - 3/10/1956 - making it possible to levy betterment assessments for water mains, etc.

Chapter 40, Section 44A – ATM 4/27/1991 - Creates a regional refuse disposal planning committee consisting of three persons to be appointed by the Town Moderator.

Chapter 40A - ATM 3/12/1966 - Designated the site of the first John Alden House shown on the Assessors' map as BL R lot 77C1 as a Historic District under Ch. 40A.

Chapter 40A, Section 20 – Accepted ATM 3/9/1963 - Accepted provisions of regarding reconsideration of Appeal or Petition for Variance after unfavorable Action.

Chapter 40 G - 9/3/1980 - Accepted Chapter 217 Acts of 1980- which adds a new section "G" to Chapter 40 which states that contracts over \$4,000 must be advertised.

Chapter 41, Section 19K – STM 3/8/2008 – Stipend for Certification - Authorizing the payment of a stipend for certified Collectors, Treasurers and Town Clerks.

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Chapter 41, Section 38A – Accepted 3/10/1956 - The Collector of Taxes shall act as the Town Collector.

Chapter 41, Section 69B - Accepted 1972 - Duties of the Water Commissioners.

Chapter 41, Section 69G - 4/2/1977- Establishing a Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Chapter 41, Sections 70 and 71 - ATM 3/7/1925 - Created a Planning Board

Chapter 41, Section 81A (as amended by Ch. 340 of the Acts of 1947) - ATM 3/4/1950, Article 27 - Established a Planning Board.

Chapter 41, Section 81U (Amendment) - 3/12/1988 - Accepted the 1987 amendment to Chapter 41, Sec. 81U of the MGL which deals with the Subdivision of Land Rules & Regulations of the Planning Board regarding the proceeds of any bond or deposit which shall be made available to the Town for expenditure in completing work as specified in the approved plan, etc.

Chapter 41, Section 81Z - 3/10/1962 - Amend the Zoning By-law – Board of Appeals acting under the Zoning By-law shall be Board of Appeals under Subdivision Control Law

Chapter 41, Section 97 – Accepted 3/1/1941 - Establishes a Police Department under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Chapter 41, Section 100A – 1958 – Indemnify a Duxbury Fireman originally accepted 3/4/1944 (Repealed by Chapter 512, Section 10 of the Acts of 1978)

Chapter 41, Section 108L - Quinn Police Bill - voted 1972 - Allows for career incentive salary for police officers, ½ of which shall be reimbursed by the Commonwealth. Rescinded Sept. 20, 1982 STM Article 9.

Chapter 43C, Section 11 – ATE 5/11/1991 – Gives authority to adopt an ordinance or by-law providing for a consolidated department of municipal finance.

Chapter 44B, Section 3(e)(3) – ATM 3/10/2012, Article 38 – The first \$100,000 of the assessed value of class one, residential parcels be exempt from the Community Preservation Act surcharge. Question placed on the 11/6/2012 State Election ballot. Carried Yes - 6,263 and No - 2,629 (blanks 807)

Chapter 44, Section 53C – 3/28/1973 - Accepted Ch. 44,sec. 53C, as amended by Ch. 344 Acts of 1970 - overtime for police officers to be held in a separate fund by the treasurer -needs no further vote to appropriate same.

Chapter 44, Section 53D, as amended – ATM 4/28/1990, Article 31- Permits the establishment of a revolving fund for Recreation programs.

Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ - STM 3/11/2017, Article 6 – *revoke* the acceptance of provisions of MGL Ch 44, Section 53F 1/2 , terminating the Percy Walker Pool Enterprise Fund as of June 30, 2017.

Chapter 44, Section 53F ¾ - STM 3/11/2017, Article 8 – to establish a special revenue fund known as the Public Educational and Governmental (“PEG”) Access and Cable Related Fund.

Chapter 44, Section 55C – ATM 2008 –Establish the Town of Duxbury Affordable Housing Trust. (DAHT document amended ATM 3/9/2013, Article 29)

Chapter 44, Section 65 - ATM 3/10/1951- Vacation pay may be paid in advance.

Chapter 44B, Sections 3-7 inclusive -Known as the **Community Preservation Act** - Petitioned by the voters to be put on the ballot of ATE 3/24/2001. Carried Yes - 1,930 and No - 886 (57 Blanks).

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Chapter 44B – ATM 3/10/2012, **Article 39** – To amend certain provisions of the acceptance by the Town of the Community Preservation Act, Chapter 44B of Massachusetts General Laws, by reducing the surcharge from three percent (3%) to one percent (1%). Question placed on the 11/6/2012 State Election ballot. Carried Yes – 5,420 and No – 3,608 (blanks 671).

Chapter 48, Section 42A - ATM 3/9/1985 - Voted that the Town **revoke** the acceptance of Ch. 48, Section 42, which established a Fire Department under the control of an officer to be known as Chief of the Fire Department and in place thereof, accept Ch. 48, Section 42A which directs that the Selectmen appoint the Chief of the Fire Department and such other officers and firemen as they deem necessary, subject always to an appropriation by town meeting.

Chapter 48, Section 42A - ATM 3/9/1985 - Voted that the Town **revoke** the acceptance of Ch. 48, Sec. 42, which established a Fire Dept. under the control of an officer to be known as Chief of the Fire Dept. and in place thereof, accept Ch. 48, Sec. 42A which directs that the Selectmen appoint the Chief of the Fire Dept. and such other officers and firemen as they deem necessary, subject always to an appropriation by town meeting.

Chapter 48, Sections 42, 43 and 44 - ATM 3/1/61, **Article 19** - Accepted Ch.48, Sec. 42,43 and 44 establishing a Fire Department under the control of an officer known as the Chief of the Fire Department. The Chief to act as Forest Warden.

IMPORTANT-Just section 42 was revoked 3/9/85 -In place thereof Chapter 42A was accepted.

Chapter 48, Section 59A – Mutual Aid Fire Department - Duxbury Selectmen voted 10/4/1951. A Special Act 12/15/1975

Chapter 48, Article 85 of MGL (revised laws) - 3/13/1915 - Allowing the Selectmen to reserve spaces in the public ways for trees, grass or planting.

Chapter 54, Section 103A, as amended by Chapter 77 of the Acts of 1937 – ATM 3/5/1938 - Allowing absentee voting at Town Elections.

Chapter 59 - Section 2A (a) – STM 5/5/2003 - 3rd sentence - Assessing Real Property - early assessments of Real property

Chapter 59, Section 5, as amended by Chapter 73, Section 4 of the Acts of 1986 – ATM 3/14/1987, **Article 48** - Real Estate exemptions – To allow an additional exemption to persons determined eligible for certain real estate exemptions as contained in MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, said exemptions to apply to Fiscal Year 1988.

Chapter 59, Section 5 (5B) - STM 11/13/06 - American Legion Tax Status, beginning on July 1, 2006.

Chapter 59, Section 5 (17D) as amended by Chapter 181 the Acts of 1995 – Accepted ATM 3/11/2000, **Article 23** – Tax Abatement Increase

Chapter 59, Section 5 (17E) - ATM 3/9/2002, **Article 23** – The Town voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5(17E) by authorizing an annual increase in the asset limit for any exemption granted under MGL, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D.

Chapter 59, Section 5 (37A) – ATM 4/25/1992 - Expands from \$437.50 to \$500.00 the amount of actual Real Estate Tax exemption for legally blind taxpayers.

Chapter 59, Section 38, as amended by Chapter 576 of the Acts of 1978 - ATM 3/3/1979 - Normal repairs and maintenance shall not be considered in determining cash valuation of property.

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Chapter 59, Section 5 (41A) – ATM 3/11/2017, Article 28 – The Town voted to adjust the current eligibility limits for property tax deferral from \$40,000 to 100% of the amount established annually by the Commissioner of Revenue as the income limit for single seniors who are not heads of households to qualify for the “circuit breaker” state income tax credit for the preceding state tax year.

Chapter 59, Section 5 (41A) - STM 11/13/2006 - Senior Interest Rate - The Town voted to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on Property Taxes deferred by eligible Seniors under MGL Chapter 56, Sec. 5, Clause 41A from eight (8) percent to four (4) percent, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2007.

Chapter 59, Section 5 (41A) - ATM 3/9/2002, Article 25 – The Town voted to accept the provisions of this MGL by authorizing an increase in the income limit for any exemption granted under the MGL, Chapter 59, Section 5 (41A).

Chapter 59, Section 5 (41D) - ATM 3/9/2002 Article 24 - Authorizing an annual increase in the income and asset limit for any exemption granted under the MGL, Chapter 59, Section 5 (41C). *This section was amended at the ATM 3/13/2004, Article 11 - Vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 Amending MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 (41D)* - by increasing the gross receipts limit to \$20,000 for single persons and to \$30,000 for married couples; by increasing the whole estate limit to \$40,000 for single persons and \$55,000 for married couples; and by increasing the exemption amount to \$1,000; effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

Chapter 59, Section 5K - ATM 3/10/2007, Article 12 – Senior Tax Relief – “Property Tax Liability Reduced in exchange for volunteer services: Persons over age 60.”

Chapter 59, Section 57C as enacted by Chapter 653, Section 41 of the Acts of 1989 - ATM 4/27/1991 - Provides for the issuance and collection of Tax bills on a quarterly basis to commence with Fiscal Year 1993.

Chapter 60, Section 2 - ATM 4/24/1993, Article 26 - Accept Chapter 281A of the Acts of 1990 - permitting abatement of Tax Bills less than \$10.00 on real or personal property when the tax to be collected is less than ten dollars (\$10).

Chapter 60, Section 3C as Amended by Chapter 71, Section 26 of the Acts of 1993 - 4/23/1994, Article 13 - Authorizes the designation of a place on Municipal Tax bills, whereby taxpayers could voluntarily check off, donate and pledge an amount not to exceed less than one dollar to establish a Town Educational Fund. The purpose of which shall be to provide supplemental educational funding for local educational needs.

Chapter 60A, Section 1 - ATM 3/8/1986, Article 67 - Accepted a portion of Chapter 60A, Section 1 that provides an exemption from Motor Vehicle excise for one motor vehicle owned and registered for personal non-commercial use by a former P.O.W.

Chapter 71, Section 7E - ATM 10/21/1978, Article 5 - All moneys received by the school committee in connection with the conduct of adult education and continuing education programs, including, but not limited to adult physical fitness programs conducted under section seventy-one B, summer school programs and programs designated by prior vote of said committee as community school programs, and in connection with the use of school property under section seventy-one, shall be deposited with the treasurer of the town or city and held as separate accounts.

Chapter 71, Section 14 - Accepted in 1975 - Regional School District Planning Committee.

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Chapter 71, Section 17A - STM 11/9/1981, Article 3 - Provides, in essence, for a revolving fund for the Culinary Arts program in the High School.

Chapter 71, Section 37M – ATM 3/10/2012, Article 10 – Provides for the consolidation of administrative functions of the Town and the School Department, including but not limited to, financial, personnel and maintenance services.

Chapter 71, Section 71F - ATM 3/12/1983 - Revolving fund for non-resident students.

Chapter 71, Section 83 of the Acts of 1993 - ATM 3/23/1994 - Provides for participation of up to five (5) teachers in an early retirement incentive program providing that those teachers agree to waive the retirement incentive provided for in the collective bargaining agreement.

Chapter 73, Section 4 of the Acts of 1986 - ATM 4/14/1987, Article 48 - To allow an additional exemption to persons determined eligible for certain real estate exemptions as contained in MGL Ch. 59, Sec. 5, said exemptions to apply to Fiscal Year 1988.(17D and 41C).

Chapter 74 and as amended – Accepted 1952 – Allowing the School Committee establish and maintain State-aided vocational education.

Chapter 80 - ATM 3/11/1972, Article 20 - Accepted assessing betterments.

Chapter 80, Section 13B - ATM 3/9/1996 - Deferral and recovery agreements.

Chapter 83, Section 1 - 4/2/1977 - Establishes a Board of Sewer Commissioners who shall be the Board of Selectmen until such a Committee shall be elected.

Chapter 83, Sections 16A through 16F - STM 11/9/1981, Article 8 - Accepted the provisions of Ch. 83, sec. 16A through 16F inclusive which provide for a system of tax liens for unpaid annual sewer charges.

Chapter 85, Section 11A - ATM 3/10/1956 - Provides for registration and regulation of the operation of bicycles in this Town.

Chapter 90, Section 17C – STM 8/12/2019 – Authorizes the Board of Selectmen to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway in thickly settled of business districts within the Town that is not a state highway in the interests of public safety.

Chapter 90, Section 18B – STM 8/12/2019 – Authorizes the Board of Selectmen to establish designated safety zones on, at or near any way in the Town which is not a state highway, and with the approval of the Mass DOT Highway Division if the same is a state highway, with a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.

Chapter 90, Sections 20A, 20A1/2, 20C, 20D and 20E added by Section 115 of Chapter 351 of the Acts of 1981 - STM 11/9/1981, Article 6 – Provides, in essence, for the processing of all parking violations by the Town.

Chapter 90, Section 20C and 20D - STM 3/9/1974 - Accepted provisions of Ch. 90, Sec. 20 C and 20D thereby incorporating the pre-numbered parking tag of the prepared triplicate notice type.

Chapter 90E - STM 6/1/1981 Article 3 - Chapter 90E and Chapter 356 Acts of 1977 - Bikeway Committee or Selectmen may receive and expend funds.

Chapter 112 of the Acts of 2005 - Established an Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Town of Duxbury. Approved 10/20/2005. **REPEALED STM 3/8/2014**. Repealed under Chapter 171 of the Acts of 2015 signed by the Governor 1/14/2016.

Chapter 114, Section 6 through 9 inclusive – ATM 4/1/1978, Article 52 – Duxbury’s Petition to the Legislature for a Special Act – In accordance with the referenced chapter and sections, the Act authorizes the Town of Duxbury to operate a Crematory.

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Chapter 121B - 3/17/1970 - Established a Housing Authority.

Chapter 130, Section 52 and 57, as amended by Chapter 598 of the Acts of 1941 - ATM 3/7/1942 - Regulate/prohibit taking of shellfish, Board of Selectmen may issue licenses for private shellfish grants.

Chapter 138, Section 126A(1991) - ATM 4/24/1993, Article 27 - Authorizes the Board of Assessors to permit the deferral of property tax payments for certain eligible property owners whose gross income is less than \$25,000.

Chapter 138, Section 17B - ATM 3/8/1997 - Allows Selectmen to grant additional licenses if seasonal licenses are granted under Ch. 138, Sec. 15 liquor licenses.

Chapter 140, Section 139(c) – ATM 3/12/2016 - Waives the annual dog license fees for any person aged 70 years or older, as of the first day of the year in which the license is to be obtained.

Chapter 140, Section 147A - 4/25/1992 - Allows the Town to assume responsibility and liability for licensing, control and regulation of dogs.

Chapter 147, Section 17B - ATM 3/15/1965 - Provides for restriction of police officers to a 5 day, 40 hour week, overtime with the approval of the Chief.

Chapter 148 – 3/1/1924 - Regarding removal of combustible material.

Chapter 148, Section 26E - ATM 3/8/1980 - Accepted Chapter 148, Section 26E, added by Chapter 712 of the Acts of 1979 requiring the installation of Smoke detectors in certain residential buildings and structures.

Chapter 148, Section 26G - ATM 4/23/1994, Article 17 - Relates to the installation of Automatic Sprinklers in non-residential new construction or additions to existing buildings over 7500 sq. feet.

Chapter 148, Section 26H - ATM 4/27/1991 - Requires automatic sprinkler systems in lodging and boarding houses for six (6) or more persons.

Chapter 148, Section 26I - ATM 4/27/1991 - Article 19 - Requires the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in new or rehabilitated multi-unit residential structures of four (4) or more dwelling units.

Chapter 148, Section 56 - 8/21/1976 - Allows for the licensing of open air parking lots.

Chapter 152, Section 69 - ATM 3/10/1951 - To extend the term "laborer" as used in Ch. 152, Sec. 69 of Work Men's Compensation Act to include all employees of the Town regardless of the nature of their duties except Police and Fire.

Chapter 152, Section 69 - 1972 - As amended by Chapter 401 Acts of 1966, as shown in Chapter 555 Acts of 1959 adds a sentence to Chapter 152, Section 69

Chapter 153 of the Acts of 1916 - 3/12/1921 - Regarding the Slaughtering License Fee.

Chapter 166, Section 32 as amended by Chapter 529 of the Acts of 1949 – Accepted 3/4/1950 - pertains to the appointment of an inspector of wires.

Chapter 188, Section 13 – Accepted 12/2/1985 - Provides for a Professional Development Grant program for teachers.

Chapter 194, Section 419 of the Acts of 1998 - ATM 3/13/1999 – Agreement: cooperative recycling on the South Shore.

Chapter 217 of the Acts of 1980 - Chapter 30B - 4/28/1990 - Voted to rescind the acceptance of Ch. 217 of the Acts of 1980 and vote to accept all provisions of Ch. 687 of the Acts of 1989, commonly referred to as the Uniform Procurement Act (MGL Chapter 30B)

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Chapter 217 Acts of 1980 - Accepted 9/3/80 - Adds a new sec. "G" to MGL Chapter 40 which states that contracts over \$4,000 must be advertised.

Chapter 217 of the Acts of 1963 - ATM 1964, Article 58 - Accepted Ch. 217 of the Acts of 1963 which provides for appointment of an inspector of gas piping and gas appliances who shall be a licensed plumber or a gas fitter.

Chapter 217 of the Acts of 1963 – 3/9/1963 - Adding a new section 30 to Chapter 143 (s. 30 repealed by Ch. 802, sec 28 Acts of 1972).

Chapter 232 of the Acts of 1955 (MGL Chapter 40, Sections 42G, 42H, 42I) – ATM 3/10/1956 - making it possible to levy betterment assessments for water mains, etc.

Chapter 240 of the Acts of 1920 – Accepted 7/17/1920 - Permits, under public regulation and control, certain sports and games on the Lord's Day.

Chapter 258, Section 13 - 3/28/1981 Annual Town Election Question #1 -Accepted the provisions of Chapter 258, Section 13 which provides the indemnification of elected or appointed Town officials.

Chapter 268A - Special Municipal Employee - "State Ethics Commission" -Special Meeting of the Selectmen 12/16/1981

Chapter 270, Section 16 - ATM 4/24/1993, Article 33 - Designate the Board of Health Agent and the Board of Health as enforcing officers in accordance with the provisions of MGL, Chapter 270, Section 16. (Disposal of rubbish)

Chapter 280 of the Acts of 1948 - 7/9/48 - Provides for the creation of an Old Colony High School District Planning Committee.

Chapter 290 of the Acts of 2012 - ATM 3/10/2012 –The position of Deputy Police Chief shall be exempt from Chapter 31 of the General Laws. Approved 9/26/2012

Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1990 – STM 4/27/1991 - Relative to Enhanced 9-1-1 service and that the Town Clerk notify the Secretary of the Commonwealth of said acceptance before 12/11/1991.

Chapter 304, Section 84 of the Acts of 1929 – Accepted 3/5/1932 - Further regulating the taking and possession of certain shellfish.

Chapter 330 of the Acts of 1955 - 8/12/1955 - Authorizing the Town to take over the properties and assume the obligations of Duxbury Fire and Water District.

Chapter 332 of the Acts of 1967 – ATM 3/10/2012, Article 41 – Voted that the Town become a member of the Old Colony Planning Council.

Chapter 332 of the Acts of 1955 – Accepted 3/10/1956 - Adds sections 42G, 42H and 42I to Chapter 40, making it possible to levy betterment assessments for the assessment of water mains, etc.

Chapter 356 of the Acts of 1977 – ATM 1981, Article 3 - Chapter 90E and Chapter 356 of the Acts of 1977- Bikeway Committee or Selectmen may receive and expend funds.

Chapter 383 of the Acts of 1963 - 3/9/1963 - Relative to the enforcement of certain marine fisheries laws by police officers.

Chapter 441of the Acts of 1971 - Selectmen authorized the treasurer to deliver to department heads the payroll checks of employees of such department.

Chapter 478 of the Acts of 1963 - Adopted in 1964 - Increases the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees.

Chapter 531 of the Acts of 1952, as Amended by Chapter 20 of the Acts of 1953 - 3/14/1953 - Regarding the construction of sea walls in Duxbury.

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Chapter 559 of the Acts of 1982 – STM 9/20/82, Article 3 – Petition to the Legislature for a Special Act approved 12/23/1982 – An Act providing for the appointment of the Treasurer-Collector in the Town of Duxbury.

Chapter 595 of the Acts of 1959 - Town Election 3/19/1960 - Provides that the Town pay on half premium costs payable by retired employee for group life insurance, and for group general or blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance.

Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1952 - ATM 3/14/1953 Article 28 - Increases the pensions of Town employees who retired prior to April 1, 1951 and had attained age 55 with at least 15 years of credible service.

Chapter 640 of the Acts of 1985 – Accepted ATM 3/1//89 - Grants renewal of certain licenses and permits - Effect to deny the issuance of renewal, etc., for failure or refusal to pay taxes, fees betterments or other charges.

Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1913 - 3/10/1917 - Established a Reserve Fund

Chapter 647 of the Acts of 1960 - ATM 1961, Article 48 - Provides for increasing the amounts of pension and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees.

Chapter 670 Acts of 1955 - ATM 1956, Article 38 - Provides for increasing the retirement allowances of certain persons.

Chapter 687 of the Acts of 1989 - STM 4/28/1990 - Accepted all provisions of Ch. 687 of the Acts of 1989, commonly known as the Uniform Procurement Act **Chapter 30B of MGL.**

Chapter 781 of the Acts of 1951 – Accepted ATM 1952, Article 33 - This will increase pensions of Town employees who retired prior to 11/1/49 with 15 years of creditable service at the time of separation, but no increase shall be given which will make normal amount to exceed \$2,000. This will affect the same pensioners as CH 820 which the Town voted to accept last year. (1951).

Chapter 807 of the Acts of 1913 - 5/17/1914 - Acts of 1913 relating to the compensation of laborers.

Chapter 820 of the Acts of 1950 – Accepted 3/10/1951, Article 27 - Provides for an increase of \$100 in the Annual amounts of certain pensions for employees separated from the service by retirement prior to 11/1/49 and at the time of such separation from service had at least 15 years creditable service.

Duxbury's Petitions to the Legislature for a Special Act (1972-2020)

Affordable Housing Trust Fund - ATM 3/13/2004 - An act to establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund - signed 10/11/2005

Affordable Housing Trust Fund – ATM 3/8/2014- An act **repealing** Chapter 112 of the Acts of 2005, an Act establishing the Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the Town of Duxbury. Repealed under Chapter 171 of the Acts of 2015 signed by the Governor 1/14/2016.

Alcohol License - ATM 3/12/1983 - An Act authorizing the Town of Duxbury to issue an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises to Osborn's Country Store, Inc. Chapter 247 of the Acts of 1983 -Approved June 7,1983

Appointed vs Elected-look under Treasurer-Town Collector

Borrowing Money - Powder Point Bridge - STM-6/29/1974, Article 1 - An Act authorizing the Town of Duxbury to borrow money for a repair of a certain public way. Chapter 653 Acts of 1974 - Approved July 31, 1974

Borrowing Money - Powder Point Bridge - STM 3/8/1975, Article 2 - An Act increasing the amount of money the Town of Duxbury may borrow for repair of a certain public way. Chapter 63 Acts of 1975 Approved 3/19/1975.

Borrowing Money - Powder Point Bridge - STM 8/28/1986, Article 5 - An Act furthering the amount of money the Town of Duxbury may borrow for the repair of a certain way. Chapter 538 Acts of 1987 Approved November 25, 1986

Borrowing Money - Powder Point Bridge - STM 3/8/1986, Article 15 - An Act increasing the borrowing authorization of the Town of Duxbury for repair of a certain public way. Chapter 61 Acts of 1986 Approved June 3, 1986

Conservation Lands-look under Water Supply--Lands.

Chief of Police-see Police.

Crematory - ATM 4/1/1978, Article 52 - An Act authorizing the Town of Duxbury to operate a Crematory in accordance with MGL Chapter 114, Sec. 6 through 9 inclusive. Chapter 270 Acts of 1978. Approved June 23, 1978

Deputy Chief of Police – see Police

Dogs- ATM 3/13/1982, Article 19 - An Act relative to Licensing and keeping of Dogs in the Town of Duxbury(out of the Plymouth County Dog System). Chapter 511 of the Acts of 1983. Approved Nov. 22, 1983

Dogs – ATM /2/12016, Article 33 - The Town accepted the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 139(c), to waive the annual dog license fees for any person aged 70 years or older, as of the first day of the year in which the license is to be obtained.

Duxbury Affordable Housing Trust Chapter 44, Section 55C – ATM 3/8/2008, Article 25 –Establish the Town of Duxbury Affordable Housing Trust. (DAHT document amended ATM 3/9/2013, Article 29)

Fisheries - ATM 3/11/1972, Article 69 – NB - This petition was made to the Director of Marine Fisheries-For the right to control and regulate Alewives fisheries as provided in Sec. 94 of Ch. 130 of the General Laws. Petition was to the Director of Marine Fisheries

Manager (Town) - ATM 3/14/1987, Article 9 - An Act providing for a Town Manager in the Town of Duxbury. Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1987. Approved August 11, 1987.

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Police (Deputy Chief) – ATM 3/10/2012, Article 9 – An act to exempt the position of Deputy Police Chief in the Town of Duxbury from Chapter 31 of the General Laws (Civil Service). Chapter 290 of the Acts of 2012, Approved 9/26/2012

Police - ATM 4/28/1990, Article 29 - Died in Committee-to petition the General Court for a special act authorizing the appointment of Special Police Officers.

Police, Deputy Chief - STM 3/14/1987, Article 9 - A bill designed to create the position of Deputy Chief in the Duxbury Police Department to exempt the position from Chapter 31, Section 52C **died in Committee** . It was House Bill #5302(in the warrant it appears as MGL Ch. 53, Sec.52b)

Police, Chief - ATM 10/21/1978, Article 22 - An Act exempting the office of Chief of Police of the Town of Duxbury from the provisions of the Civil Service Law. Chapter 78 of the Acts of 1979. Approved April 9, 1979.

Police - ATM 10/21/1978, Article 21 - An Act authorizing the Town to reimburse a Police Officer for certain legal expenses incurred by him. Chapter 124 Acts of 1979 Approved May 4, 1979.

Powder Point Bridge - Look under Borrowing.

Public Works Department - ATM 3/9/1985 - An Act establishing a Department of Public Works in the Town of Duxbury - total of 6 sections (section 2 - Director of Public Works). Chapter 266 Acts of 1985. Approved Sept. 18, 1985.

Selectmen – STM 3/9/2019, Article 24 – Citizens’ Petition – An Act expanding the Board of Selectmen from 3 to 5 members. Said special law to be subject to approval by a majority vote at the first Annual Town Election held following its enactment. Signed by Governor Baker 10/02/2019. Ballot question ATE March 28, 2020 (election held June 27, 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic)

Town Manager - ATM 3/14/1987, Article 9 - An Act providing for a Town Manager in the Town of Duxbury. Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1987. Approved August 11, 1987, and as further amended.

Treasurer-Town Collector - STM 9/20/1982, Article 3 - An Act providing for the appointment of the Treasurer-Town Collector in the Town of Duxbury. Chapter 559 of the Acts of 1982. Approved 12/23/1982. **NB**-This not only changed the offices to appointed, but combined them-they had previously been on the ballot separately.

Validating Procedure for Posting - No Town Meeting action - the Selectmen petitioned the Legislature. An Act validating the Acts and procedures of the STM held in the Town of Duxbury on June 23, 1986. Chapter 260 of the Acts of 1986. Approved July 16, 1986.

Validating Procedure for Posting - STM 6/23/1986, Article 5 - An Act validating a certain Special Election in the Town of Duxbury. Chapter 261 of the Acts of 1986. Approved July 16, 1986. This is additional information in the town Clerk's office explaining the reasons for Ch 260 and 261 of 1986. Improper posting by the Selectmen's office.

Water Supply - Lands - ATM 1977, Article 30 - An Act authorizing the Town of Duxbury to transfer certain Conservation Lands to the Water Department for water supply purposes. Parcels of land off Mayflower and East Streets, etc. Chapter 298 of the Acts of 1977. Approved June 14, 1977.

APPENDIX B

***An Act Providing for a Town Manager
in the Town of Duxbury***

***Chapter 353
Acts of 1987***

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Upon the effective date of this act, the town of Duxbury shall be governed by the provisions of this act. To the extent that the provisions of this act modify or repeal existing General Laws and special acts or the by-laws of the town of Duxbury, this act shall govern.

SECTION 2.

- A. The Board of Selectmen shall serve as the goal setting, long range planning and policy making body of the town, recommending major courses of action to the town meeting, and adopting policy directives and guidelines which are to be implemented by officers, boards, committees, commissions and employees of the town.
- B. The Board of Selectmen shall have the power to enact rules and regulations to implement policies and to issue interpretations.
- C. The Board of Selectmen shall exercise, through the town manager, general supervision over all matters affecting the interests or welfare of the town.
- D. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint the town manager, town counsel, registrars of voters, election officers, constables, and members of all committees, boards, and commissions except those appointed by the moderator or elected by the voters.
- E. The Board of Selectmen shall have general administrative oversight of such boards, committees, and commissions appointed by the Board of Selectmen.
- F. The Board of Selectmen shall have the responsibility and authority for licenses and other quasi-judicial functions as provided by the General Laws and the town of Duxbury by-laws.
- G. The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for the preparation of all town meeting warrants.
- H. The Board of Selectmen may make investigations and may authorize the town manager or other agents to investigate the affairs of the town and the conduct of any town department, office, or agency, including any doubtful claims against the town, and for this purpose the Board of Selectmen may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take testimony, and require the production of evidence. The report of any such investigation shall be placed on file in the office of the town clerk, and a report summarizing such investigation shall be printed in the next annual town report.
- I. The Board of Selectmen shall review the annual proposed budget submitted by the town manager and make recommendations with respect thereto as they deem advisable. The town manager shall present the budget, incorporating the recommendations of the selectmen, to the finance committee and the fiscal advisory committee.
- J. The Board of Selectmen, by a majority vote of its full membership, shall appoint a town manager, who shall be a person with executive and administrative qualifications and especially fitted by education, training, and experience to perform the duties of the office. The office of town manager shall not be subject to the consolidated personnel by-law. The town may from

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time to time, by by-law, establish such additional qualifications as seem necessary and appropriate.

- K. The Board of Selectmen may remove the town manager at any time by a majority vote. Within seven days thereafter, the town manager may appeal the decision of said board by filing a written request for a public hearing. If such a request is filed, the Board of Selectmen shall conduct a public hearing within fourteen days, and shall act on the appeal within seven days thereafter.
- L. The Board of Selectmen shall set the compensation for the town manager, not to exceed an amount appropriated by the town meeting.
- M. The board of Selectmen shall designate a qualified person to serve as acting town manager and to perform the duties of the office during any period of any vacancy exceeding thirty days, caused by the manager's absence, illness, suspension, removal or resignation. The appointment shall be for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty days.

SECTION 3.

- A. the town manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the town and shall be responsible to the board of selectmen for the effective management of all town affairs placed in the manager's charge by this act, the board of selectmen, by-law, or vote of town meeting and implementation of town policies placed in the manager's charge by the board of selectmen.
- B. The town manager shall be the chief financial officer of the town and shall be responsible for the design and preparation of the municipal budget, filing grant applications, and controlling budget expenditures, including approval of the warrants for the payment of town funds prepared by the town accountant in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-six of chapter forty-one of the General Laws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing the town manager shall have the following specific budgetary powers:
 - 1.) The town manager shall submit to the board of selectmen a written proposed budget for town government for the ensuing fiscal year, including the budget as proposed by the school department. The proposed budget shall detail all estimated revenue from all sources, and all proposed expenditures, including debt services for the previous, current, and ensuing years. It shall include proposed expenditures for both current operations and capital projects during the ensuing year, detailed by agency, department, committee, purpose, and position, together with proposed financing methods; and the proposed budget shall include estimated surplus revenue and free cash available at the close of the fiscal year, including estimated balances in special accounts. The town may, by by-law, establish additional financial information and reports to be provided by the town manager.
 - 2.) The town manager shall report on the probable amount required to be levied and raised by taxation to defray all expenses and liabilities of the town together with an estimate of the tax rate necessary to raise such amount.
 - 3.) The calendar dates on or before which the proposed budget, revenue statement, and tax rate estimate are to be submitted to the board of

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selectmen, and the budget presented by the town manager to the finance committee and the fiscal advisory committee, as required by subsection I of section two, shall be as specified by by-law.

- 4.) To assist the town manager in preparing the proposed annual budget of revenue and expenditures, all boards, officers, and committees of the town, including the school committee, shall furnish all relevant information in their possession and submit to the town manager, in writing, a detailed estimate of the appropriations required and available funds.
 - 5.) The town manager shall submit annually to the board of selectmen and the finance committee and the fiscal advisory committee a five year capital improvements program to include: (a) a list of all capital improvements proposed to be undertaken during the next five years, together with supporting data; (b) cost estimates, methods of financing, and recommended time schedule; and (c) the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining any facility to be constructed or acquired. A capital improvement shall be defined by by-law.
- C. In addition to specific powers and duties provided in this act, the town manager shall have the powers and duties enumerated in this section:
- 1.) The town manager shall be responsible for coordination of operational and strategic planning for the town.
 - 2.) The town manager shall supervise all town departments under the jurisdiction of the selectmen and direct the operations of the town.
 - 3.) The town manager shall have the power to appoint, on the basis of merit and fitness; and, except as otherwise may be provided by civil service regulations, the personnel by-law, or tenure of office provisions may remove: the town accountant, town collector-treasurer, fire chief, police chief, director of public works, building inspector officer, all inspectors except as otherwise provided by General Law, harbormaster, shellfish warden, recreation director, director of veterans service and agent, director of civil defense, zoning enforcement officer, animal control officer, and any other positions as designated by town meeting. The town manager shall hold the aforementioned department heads responsible for the proper staffing of their departments.
 - 4.) All appointments and removals by the town manager shall be subject to ratification by the board of selectmen which shall act upon each appointment and removal within fifteen days following notification thereof. Failure of the board to act within the fifteen day period shall constitute assent.
 - 5.) The town manager, subject to any applicable provisions of the General law relating thereto, may assume, temporarily, the duties of any office which the manager is authorized to fill by appointment.
 - 6.) The town manager shall have the power to appoint and remove other employees as authorized by General Law, by-law, or town meeting vote and for whom appointment is not otherwise provided.
 - 7.) He town manager is responsible for administration of the personnel plan including personnel evaluation policies, practices, enforcement of labor

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- contracts, labor relations, collective bargaining and state and federal equal opportunity law compliance functions of the town.
- 8.) The town manager shall keep full and complete records of the office and annually submit to the selectmen, unless requested to do so more frequently, a full written report of the operations of the office of town manager. The town manager may also prepare reports to boards and committees and for the town meeting.
 - 9.) The town manager shall advise the selectmen of all matters requiring action by them or the town.
 - 10.) The town manager shall attend all meetings of the board of selectmen and all town meetings and shall be permitted to speak when recognized by the moderator.
 - 11.) The town manager shall act as central purchasing agent for all town departments and activities, except those under the jurisdiction of the school committee and board of library trustees, unless requested by either agency.
 - 12.) The town manager shall manage and be responsible for all town buildings, property and facilities, except those under the jurisdiction of the school committee and the board of library trustees, unless requested by either agency.
 - 13.) The town manager shall be responsible for the negotiation of all contracts and for the execution, subject to such authorization as may otherwise be required under applicable law by the town meeting, board of selectmen or other board or commission of the town, of all contracts, except for union collective bargaining agreements pursuant to chapter 150E of the General Laws and individual employment contracts; provided, however, that the board of selectmen shall be responsible for the ratification and execution of those collective bargaining agreements and individual employment contracts.
 - 14.) The town manager shall administer, either directly or through a person or persons appointed by him, in accordance with this act, all provisions of general and special laws applicable to said town, all by-laws, and all regulations established by the board of selectmen.
 - 15.) The town manager shall oversee the activities of the town counsel under the direction of the board of selectmen.
 - 16.) The town manager shall receive and address citizens' complaints and problems.
 - 17.) The town manager shall be responsible for the management of the town insurance program.
 - 18.) The town manager shall represent the town at a local, state and regional meetings and undertake public relations activities under the direction of the board of selectmen.
 - 19.) The town manager shall perform such other duties consistent with the office, as may be required of the manager by by-law or by vote of the board of selectmen or town meeting.
- D. The town manager shall have access to all municipal books, papers and documents or information necessary for the proper performance of the duties

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of the town manager. The town manager may, without notice, cause the affairs of any division or department under the manager's supervision or the job-related conduct of any officer or employee thereof to be examined.

SECTION 4.

- A. All laws, special acts, by-laws, rules, regulations, and voted of town meeting in force on the effective data of this act, or any portion or portions thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall continue in full force and effect amended or repealed.
- B. The position of executive assistant to the board of selectmen shall be terminated upon assumption of office by the town manager.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, August 3, 1987.
Passed to be enacted, George Keverian, Speaker.

In Senate, August 3, 1987.
Passed to be enacted, Walter J. Boverini, Acting President.

August 11, 1987.
Approved at Three O'Clock and 15 minutes, P.M.
Michael Dukakis, Governor.

Amendments to the Town of Duxbury Town Manager Act:

Section 3, C), 13) amended ATM 3/14/2015, Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2016,
Passed and Enacted January 20, 2016.

House of Representatives, January 11, 2016
Passed to be enacted, Paul J. Donato, Speaker

Senate, January 11, 2016
Passed to be enacted, Harriette L. Chandler, President

January 20, 2016
Approved at Seven o'clock and 23 minutes P.M.
Charles D. Baker, Governor

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Chapter 4
of the Acts of 2016

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN MANAGER IN THE TOWN OF DUXBURY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE CERTAIN CONTRACTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection c of section 3 of chapter 93A of the acts of 1987 is hereby amended by striking out clause 13 and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

(13) The town manager shall be responsible for the negotiation of all contracts and for the execution, subject to such authorization as may otherwise be required under applicable law by the town meeting, board of selectmen or other board or commission of the town, of all contracts, except for union collective bargaining agreements pursuant to chapter 150C of the General Laws and individual employment contracts; provided, however, that the board or selectmen shall be responsible for the ratification and execution of those collective bargaining agreements and individual employment contracts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, January 11, 2016.

Passed to be enacted,

Paul J. White Speaker.

In Senate, January 11, 2016.

Passed to be enacted,

Harold I. Chasky, President.

January 22, 2016.

Approved,

at 7 o'clock and 23 minutes, P. M.

Chris D. B...
Governor.

APPENDIX C

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Chapter 266. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE TOWN OF DUXBURY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the town of Duxbury a department of public works, hereinafter called the department, which shall be under the jurisdiction of the board of selectmen. The department shall have all of the powers and duties now vested in or exercised by any of the following departments, which are hereby renamed divisions and included within the department of public works: cemetery, land and natural resources, highway and water. No contracts, obligations or liabilities in force on the date when this act becomes effective shall be affected hereby, but the department shall in all respects be the lawful successor of the departments now included as divisions in the department of public works.

SECTION 2. The board of selectmen shall appoint a director of public works, whose qualifications, powers and duties shall be determined and prescribed by said board, and who shall be responsible to said board. The director shall have full authority for carrying out the policies of said board and over the operations of the department. The director shall appoint and remove such staff assistants and employees as he deems necessary, subject to available appropriations and with the approval of said board. Such staff may include a supervisor for each division, and a town engineer. The position of assistant to the board of selectmen for engineering services is hereby abolished. The director shall hold office subject to the will of said board. Said director shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. The board of selectmen shall prepare and provide proper job descriptions for employees of the department of public works.

SECTION 4. Upon the effective date of this act, the offices of cemetery trustees and water commissioners shall be appointed by the town moderator for three-year staggered terms, and water commissioners renamed the water advisory board. The present cemetery trustees and water commissioners shall continue as members of said boards until the end of their current terms. The cemetery trustees and the water advisory board shall serve said town as advisory boards and as specified in the by-laws of the town; provided, however, that the cemetery trustees shall also control the care and expenditure of perpetual care funds as provided in section twenty-five of chapter one hundred and fourteen of the General Laws.

SECTION 5. The town of Duxbury may after the expiration of three years from the effective date of this act vote at annual town meeting to revoke this act and the question of revocation shall be submitted to the voters in the form of the following question, which shall be placed on the official ballot used for the election of town officers: "Shall the department of public works established by an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-five, entitled 'An Act establishing a department of public works in the Town of Duxbury', be discontinued?"

If a majority of the votes cast in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then at the next annual town election held after such vote, the town shall elect such officers as are necessary to exercise and perform the powers, rights and duties transferred to the department of public works by said act. Such action shall not affect any contract or liability then created or existing. All general laws respecting town administration and town officers and any special laws relative to said town, the operation of which has been suspended or superceded by this act, shall then be in full force and effect. Any by-law inconsistent with such special or general laws shall be revoked thereby. Any subsequent vote to revoke this act shall not be taken more often than once in three years.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved September 18, 1985.