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Town of Duxbury Community Preservation Committee

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The Duxbury Community Preservation Committee met in person and remotely at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024 in the Town Hall Mural Room.

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

Members Absent: Bri Leing, David Uitti, and Cynthia Ladd Fiorini

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

Ms. Morris called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Carpenter shared that the Harrington working group will have their final meeting.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RECAP

The Committee thanked Mr. Carpenter for presenting at Town Meeting. Ms. Morris asked for feedback on the presentation and Mr. Carpenter suggested adding the debt to the bar chart as it would be helpful to project the debt out.

Mr. Carpenter met with Town Manager Rene Read yesterday and learned that Mr. Read is working on capital light improvements to the Girl Scout House to address the accessible path to the front room and floor repair.

The steeplejack for the Town Clock had previously asked if work on the clock hands could begin earlier than the contract specifies. It was reported that the answer was no, the steeplejack will have to wait until July 1, per the contract.

FUTURE POTENTIAL CPA APPLICATIONS

Mr. Carpenter reported that there was discussion about a dog park at Town Meeting. With urbanized living on the horizon, integrated planning is needed in development plans.

Ms. Rufo shared that she received an inquiry about restoring a filled frog pond on the school property. It was filled several decades ago and was previously used for curriculum purposes. In the winter it would freeze and be used for skating. Mr. Kelso reported it is most likely spring fed and does not dry up in the summer. Committee members agreed that it is historic and could be a good open space project. Ms. Rufo will ask for an estimate from Duxbury Construction.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Duxbury Affordable Housing Trust (DAHT) CPC Point of Contact: The Committee was encouraged by DAHT's forward thinking and request for collaboration. Ms. Morris is going to discuss the opportunity with Ms. Leing to determine her availability. Ms. Morris suggested rotating members to attend DAHT's meetings. Discussion followed on the DAHT's priorities.

Ms. Palmer left the meeting at 10.16 a.m.

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Ms. Cross shared that the Open Space Committee is holding a story walk on Earth Day at Round Pond.

Mr. Kelso shared he is leading a walk through the trails in Lapham Woods on April 14.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Meeting Minutes: February 8, 2024 Regular Session

Ms. Cross made a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes for February 8, 2024. Mr. Kelso seconded and the motion passed unanimously 4 to 0.

Meeting Minutes: March 1, 2024 Regular Session

Mr. Kelso made a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes for March 1, 2024. Mr. Carpenter seconded and the motion passed unanimously 4 to 0.

Meeting Minutes: March 7, 2024 Regular Session

Mr. Kelso made a motion to approve the regular session meeting minutes for March 1, 2024. Mr. Carpenter seconded and the motion passed unanimously 4 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Tag made a motion, seconded by Kathy Cross, to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. The motion passed unanimously 4 to 0 on a roll call vote: Ms. Morris: yes; Ms. Cross: yes; Mr. Carpenter: yes; Mr. Kelso: yes.

The next Community Preservation Committee meeting is on April 4, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.