**Harwich Real Estate and Open Space (REOS) Committee**

**Town Hall**

**October 21, 2016**

**Members Present**: Kathy Green (chair), David Callaghan, John Preston, Elaine

Shovlin and Marcia Thorngate–Smith. Absent: Bob Thomas

**Guests**: Chris Clark, Jim Cheverie, and Liz Dubuque

**Approval of Minutes**: The Committee voted to approve the minutes of September 16,

2016 meeting.

**Annual Report**

Kathy distributed copies of the Annual Report that Bob presented to the BOS.

**Chris Clark’s Comments**

Chris reported that he was sending out notices to the abutters and other interested

parties; of the towns intent to sell the 4 Central Avenue property. However, sale

cannot occur until the disposition is approved at Town Meeting. Regarding the

property off of JZ Dr. (which is classified as Owners Unknown), he reported that he is

unable to identify any regulations requiring mining permits. Chris has added $5,000

to the proposed budget to research ownership of Owners Unknown properties and has

contacted a title examiner who could perform the work. Since this is a limited

budget, he would like to use it to work on a larger property that has simpler title

issues with a goal of getting them on the tax rolls. Jim Cheverie and Liz Dubuque

read him part of the Six Ponds Regulations as contained in Section 325-102 that does

not permit mining except by special permit and places regulation under the Planning

Board. Since the property is in the Six Ponds district, those regulations apply. Chris

agreed to work on it further and get back to us. Until then we have tabled further

pursuit of the property.

**151 Church Street**

Kathy reported that she received a letter from an abutter (addressed to HCT)

regarding possible impact of developing this property - on drinking water. The

property is under agreement now and she will send a response.

**Handler Property**

HCT has withdrawn the application to CPC for the Handler property because they

could not come to agreement on the purchase price.

**Lynn Way Property**

Property on Lynn Way is a possible site for Housing. Kathy will pursue it with the

Housing Committee. She will be attending their Nov. 7th meeting.

**Next Meeting: November 18th at 8:30am only if needed. December**

**meeting on December 16, 2016 at 8:30am.**

Respectfully submitted

John Preston, REOS Clerk