

**Harwich Real Estate and Open Space (REOS) Committee  
Town Hall  
January 20, 2017**

**Members Present:** Kathy Green (chair), Bob Thomas, David Callaghan, John Preston, and Elaine Shovlin: Absent Marcia Thorngate-Smith.  
**Guests:** Michael Lach, Art Bodin (HHC Chair), Amy Usowski

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of December 16, 2016 were amended to correct the date of the meeting. With that change the Committee voted to approve the minutes of December 16, 2016 meeting.

Kathy informed the Committee that any votes (not unanimous) must include the names of members and how they voted reflected in the minutes.

**Jay-Z Road Property (Owners Unknown)**

Amy showed us a picture of the gate that has been erected by some unknown party on the road leading into the property. The town has declined to act on removal of the gate. It is blocking access to one house. We still do not know who owns the approximately 40+acre property and if a mining permit exists. Amy said that it is not encroaching within 100 foot of the wetland. We still do not know which town department's jurisdiction it is to pursue the permitting issue. We noted that the property has been under discussion for eighteen months with no action.

After lengthy discussion, it was voted to send a letter to the Town Administrator from REOS requesting further action to pursue whether a mining permit exists and to determine who owns the property. The motion was unanimously voted.

**Town Bank Street Property (Fire Station)**

The Town Administrator has requested that the BOS authorize work on 21E and asbestos evaluations which will begin the appraisal process.

**9 School House Road**

The Chamber of Commerce is not interested in the property for additional parking. The Real Estate Agent says that it is zoned for residential and will be listed soon. It does not fit HHC's needs for affordable housing due to the expected price. We will ask the Relator to keep us informed.

### **Old Road off Oliver Snow Rd**

Bob contacted Thaddeus Eldredge regarding plans to develop the property. Amy Usowski has walked the bog behind the property. It is very interesting from a Conservation viewpoint and has great habitat value. The bog is landlocked and development would block access. We decided to try to set up a walk with the Mr. Eldredge and find out their plans for development.

### **Town Committee Volunteer Recruitment Fair**

Elaine will staff a table at the Fair.

### **Owners Unknown ... Little Shaver Lane Area**

Dave contacted John Pina who is a developer interested in the 'Owners Unknown' property off 139 adjacent to Thompson's Field. He was unable to set up a meeting. Fratus bought the property on the other side of Little Shaver Lane. Other developers are also interested in the Owners Unknown property. We decided that it is a perfect use of the \$50,000 in CPA funds set aside to pursue ownership questions of 'Owners Unknown' properties.

We decided to send a letter to BOS requesting their support with a sense of urgency to use some of the funds to pursue ownership clarification because it is of critical concern due to development activity in the area. Kathy will write the letter.

**Next Meeting: February 17, 2017 at 8:30am.**

Respectfully submitted  
John Preston, REOS Clerk