

**Town of Harwich  
Real Estate and Open Space (REOS) Committee  
Meeting Minutes - February 17, 2017**

**Members Present:** Kathy Green (chair), John Preston, Marcia Thorngate-Smith. and Elaine Shovlin: **Absent:** Bob Thomas, David Callaghan **Guests:** Art Bodin (HHC Chair), Carol Porter, Gail McAleer, and Ralph Diamond

Before the meeting, Committee members did a site visit to 93 & 97 Route 28 in West Harwich to walk the property.

**Approval of Minutes:** The REOS meeting minutes of January 20, 2017 were voted on and approved by the Committee.

**93 & 97 Route 28 in West Harwich** - Habitat for Humanity is proposing to develop six houses on the property. HECH currently owns the whole property and the proposal would separate the property in half with the development being on the back half. The developed back half would be approx. 1 and 1/2 acres. The proposed lots will be approx. 10,000 square feet with separate septic tanks for each. The Board of Health has reviewed this project and given it a preliminary okay. The project is a 40B development.

The two residents present would like to see it purchased for conservation. They have concerns about its potential location within the moderate flood plain. Art said that it is engineered so that it is not in the flood plain except for possibly one septic field. He also said that a former plan proposed even more housing and the property has been on the market for quite a while. The Zoning Board of Appeals will have a hearing on it - March 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Letters to Town Administrator and BOS**

Kathy distributed two letters that she had written. The letter to Chris Clark was regarding our position on the property off JZ lane requesting his action to pursue the resolution of ownership and whether a mining permit is in place. The second she circulated is to the BOS regarding the 'Owners Unknown' property near Little Shaver Lane asking for release of CPC funds for legal research. The Committee approved both.

**Town Committee Volunteer Recruitment Fair**

Elaine represented REOS at the Fair. Twenty-two people showed up and it was well organized. Because of the Fair, Carol Porter attended our meeting to explore joining us.

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

**Respectfully Submitted,     John Preston, REOS Clerk**

