

Town of Harwich  
Real Estate & Open Space (REOS) Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2018

Members Present: Kathy Green (Chair), John Preston, Elaine Shovlin, Carol Porter and Marcia Thorngate-Smith. Absent: David Callaghan. Guests: Amy Usowski, Art Bodin and Dan Pelletier (Harwich Water Department)

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the Executive Session Meeting minutes of December 15, 2017 and the Regular Session Meeting minutes of December 15, 2017 as presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Assessment for Potential Land Acquisition** -We reviewed the Affordable Housing component of the assessment on the off-site property visit of 1/19/18. The overall assessment on the viability of this acquisition was positive but much further review is needed.

**Final List of Town-Owned and Owners Unknown Properties** - Amy provided comments on the list. The top-rated priorities were 1) property near Robbins Road (\$47,500 in back taxes and assessed value of \$80,100)- Map 89, Parcel G-1 2) Owners Unknown Property at Map 43 E-12-R (\$16,000 in back taxes and assessed value of \$27,800), 3) property near Little Shaver Lane, Map 62 and 63, 4) property near Nathan Walker Road Map 94 B1-1R (\$65,200 in back taxes and assessed value of \$136,500).

**Water Department** – Dan Pelletier from the Water Department was interested in presenting some of the above mentioned properties to his Board. He also said that anything north of Route 6 would be of interest because of direction of the underground flow toward Pleasant Bay.

**Letter to Department Heads and Boards** - Kathy asked the committee to review the letter to be distributed to Department Heads and Boards regarding their future needs. Elaine agreed to call them for follow-up.

**Miscellaneous Properties** - Kathy reported that she received a lot of pressure from BOS regarding our lack of support of the Judah Eldredge property. CPC voted approval of the Cornelius Pond Woodlands application and we agreed that the presentation at Town Meeting should be handled by Mike Lach of the HCT. She set up a meeting with Town Counsel on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Board members are to call her if they want to attend. We also agreed to send an e-mail to Paul Fratus regarding his presentation to our committee.

**Housing Trust** - Art Bodin reported that the funding of an Affordable Housing Trust received support from CPC. It needs Town Meeting approval along with approval to establish the Trust and a by-law review. Art is working through the Housing Committee to emphasize properties owned by the Town for potential affordable housing options.

**Next Meeting:** We will meet again on March 16, 2018 at the Town Offices.

Respectfully Submitted,      John Preston, REOS Clerk