COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF ACUSHNET

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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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ACUSHNET CPC - Minutes of the Nov. 10, 2016 meeting

A Community Preservation Committee meeting was held on Nov. 10th, 2016 in the Meeting Room at the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Chairman Marc Cenerizo, Karen Knox, Chad LeClair, Heidi Pelletier and Lawrence Mulvey.

Our meeting was opened at 6:00 pm with a motion made by Chad and Larry 2nd. All others were in favor. All members introduced themselves.

The minutes from Oct. 25, 2016 meeting were read by all members. Chad made a motion to accept the minutes and Heidi 2nd the motion. All other members were in favor.

The board read and discussed the final draft of Article 20 for the fall Town Meeting. Article 20 is for the Town to vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 from the Community Preservation fund for the acquisition for the property shown as Lot 67 on Acushnet Assessors Map 24 for the use and maintenance as open space and the creation of a public passive recreation purpose. The full version of Article 20 is attached. Larry made a motion to accept the article as read and Chad 2nd. All others were in favor. Allen Decker from the Buzzards Bay Coalition spoke and informed us that since our prior meeting for the approval of the application presented to us the Selectman added the flexibility to the original application that the Selectman and/or the Buzzards Bay Coalition taking actual ownership of the property. Discussion has continued between the Selectman and the Coalition since and has been worked out with the Coalition, the Town, Town Administrator and the Board of Selectman including a motion to be main from the floor Monday night at Town Meeting. Directing the funding to the Coalition for ownership of the property, conservation restriction being held by the Conservation Commission and the funding is now being reduced to \$105,000.00. All were in favor of the agreement with Buzzards Bay Coalition, the Selectman and Town Administrator to have Article 20 presented and voted on at the town meeting.

A future meeting date will be determined at a later time and members will be notified.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Heidi 2nd. All others approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marc Cenerizo - Chairman

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ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars from the Community Preservation Fund for the acquisition of the property shown as Lot 67 on Acushnet Assessors Map 24, for use and maintenance as open space and the creation of a public passive recreation resource, and for the rehabilitation and restoration of said property for such purposes, which work may include the removal of the existing buildings and restoration of natural vegetation, together with all costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire such property by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, or in the alternative to grant and assign such funds to the Buzzards Bay Coalition to provide for its purchase, rehabilitation and restoration of the property for such purposes, all upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate; and further to authorize the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and in accordance with G.L. c.40, §8C, to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, a conservation restriction in said property for conservation and appropriate public passive recreational use, said restriction to be held in the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission, and to apply for, accept and use any state, federal and/or other outside grants and funds, including a grant from the Buzzards Bay Watershed Municipal Mini-Grant Program, for the purpose of such acquisition, and in the event the Town purchases the property, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant such a conservation restriction in the property as is required pursuant to G.L.c.44B, s.12; and further, that the Conservation Commission and/or the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate said transactions, or to take any action relative thereto. (\$150,000.00)

(Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: (RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FLOOR)

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