



## TOWN OF NORWELL

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### Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes May 21, 2020

The Community Preservation Committee was called to order by Chair Bob Norris at 7:05 P.M. Also present were, Vice Chair Julie Gillis, and Board Members, Deborah Stuart, Brendan Sullivan, Rachel Wollam, and Genevieve Davis. Unable to attend were Bob McMackin, Rich Levitt, and Aleta Scully. Guests included Nancy Hemingway. The meeting was held remotely, as allowed under the Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Gen. L. c. 30A §20 et seq. and 940 CMR 29.01 et seq.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

**Minutes** – The minutes of the May 7, 2020 meeting were distributed and reviewed.

*Motion made to accept the Agenda of May 21, 2020. Seconded and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.*

*Motion made to accept the Minutes of the May 7, 2020 meeting as submitted. Seconded and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.*

**Bills** – None

#### Jacobs Pond Dam –

Nancy Hemingway, Conservation Agent, was invited to our meeting tonight to explain the need for a new Emergency Action Plan for the Jacobs Pond Dam. The State, in late December 2019, notified Nancy that the Emergency Action Plan for the Jacobs Pond Dam on record was outdated and no longer met current standards and safety ratings. Nancy provided documents and a quote from Pare Corporation explaining The Massachusetts Office of Dam Safety (ODS) enacted regulations, effective February 10, 2017, that requires owners of Significant Hazard Potential dams prepare Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for their dams as promulgated by the updated regulations pursuant to amendments to General Laws Part I-Title II, Chapter 21, Section 65 (b) – Emergency Action Plans for high and significant hazard dams.

Bob Norris, Chair CPC, feels this expense is allowable and that implementation of the EAP falls under the following categories: Open Space, Historic and Recreation. The current plan filed with the State is significantly outdated and is violating State Law. Bob is going to speak with Donna Magnon, Town Accountant, before our next meeting regarding the financial determination.

## **Discuss Upcoming Town Meeting and Articles –**

A brief discussion on the Articles related to the Community Preservation Committee were discussed. The Citizens Petition, the Selectman's Article to reduce the current surcharge of 3% to 1.5% and also the possibility neither the revocation or the reduction passing which would leave the CPC at the current 3% tax surcharge. The members of the Community Preservation Committee understand there may be a need for the reduction given the current Covid situation and the State of the Economy. The Advisory Board were meeting at the same time as our meeting (May 21, 2020 at 7pm) and the members of the CPC are excited to hear what the Advisory Board recommends pertaining to the revocation and the reduction.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

May 28, 2020 7pm (Remote meeting.)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 7:51 P.M. Seconded and passed 6-0-0 by roll call vote.*