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**MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING HELD ON  
February 2, 2016**

**APPROVED**

**PRESENT:** Maureen Harvey, John Murphy, Amy Scharf, Doug Weber, Alan Quackenbush, Lars Dickson, Eleanor Scharf, Jesse Rufenacht, Brian Fitzgerald, Bill Whitehair.

Called to Order by Chair Scharf at 6:02 PM.

Additions/Changes to the agenda: None.

The Chair noted that the purpose of this Special Selectboard meeting was to inform citizens of the contents of the Draft easement governing the future use of the property under transfer from the State to the Town for the single purpose of creating a Town Forest and to illicit feedback regarding those future uses being proposed. The uses included recreation, harvesting sustainable forest products, protecting wildlife habitat and general non-motorized four season public access.

Lars Dickson asked how much money, on an annual basis, the Town would be forfeiting in Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) from the State by taking the proposed Town Forest out of the equation. Both Brian and Maureen thought the annual amount forfeited would be between \$2,000 and \$3,000. The yearly cost of insurance for the Town would also increase some, perhaps by another \$1,000/year for liability insurance.

It was hoped that the Town Forest would be used to produce sustainable forest products that could help offset the loss PILOT payments as well as the expenses that will come with having a Town Forest.

The need for the creation of a citizen committee to manage the use of the Town Forest was recognized and discussed. It was generally agreed that the creation of such a committee would come on the heels of the actual land transfer, which is expected to be approved by the Legislature this session.

John Murphy made a motion to pass the final version of the draft easement over to an attorney that specializes in conservation law. Maureen seconded the motion and it was approved by all. Amy indicated that she would seek out an appropriate law firm.

John Made a motion at 7:12 to adjourn. Amy seconded the Motion and all were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Murphy, Selectperson