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Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board
Town of Shelter Island
Shelter Island, NY 11964

Dear Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board:

The following resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Shelter Island on the 8th day of May, 2020, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board hereby adopts the following North Menantic Preserve Stewardship Plan, to wit:

NORTH MENANTIC PRESERVE **Shelter Island, New York** **STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Introduction

This six-acre preserve is entered on Ned's Lane (unpaved) from North Menantic Road across from Bowditch Road. It consists of Ned's Lane (SCTM# 700.14-2-61.9) and five lots (61.3 - 61.6, and 61.8). To acquire the property, the Town of Shelter Island worked closely with the Peconic Land Trust. The Trust's Regional Aquifer Protection Land Acquisition Program (RAPLAP) received funding under New York State's Water Quality Improvement Program which required 25% matching funds from local government or other sources. On February 20, 2020, the Trust purchased the property and simultaneously the Town (with Community Preservation Fund money) purchased the property from the Trust for 25% of the purchase price.

The Ned's Lane lot is subject to rights of way from North Menantic Road to the tennis club's parking lot at 39 North Menantic Road (SCTM# 700.14-2-61.2) and to the private residence at 6 Ned's Lane (SCTM# 700.14-2-61.7). The property consists principally of high grass meadows and shrubs and wooded areas sloping to the southwest with a ravine along the southerly boundary. All vegetation, except along the ravine, is due to natural recovery from active farming that began in the 1960's and was well advanced by the late 1970's.

Intentions

To maintain the property as passive parkland for freshwater recharge of the fragile West Neck watershed and to preserve natural features, including but not limited to rare plants, habitats, trees, shrubs and other vegetation.

Name

The property will be called "North Menantic Preserve" and will be so-called on all Town maps and descriptive material.

Improvements

There are no improvements on the property aside from water wellheads installed as part of a subdivision effort.

Management

The property will be left in its natural state except:

- (a) The entrance to the property will be maintained on the Ned's Lane lot with an unpaved road to provide access to the public and use of rights of way to the tennis club and the private residence, and with an unpaved parking area just west of 37 N. Menantic Road for the public visiting the property.
- (b) A trail or dirt road will be maintained around the periphery of the property to permit walking and assist the management of the property. Additional trails or dirt roads may be maintained as needed for public access and use by Highway Department vehicles only.
- (c) Benches and/or a picnic table may be installed where appropriate to assist public access.
- (d) The property will be maintained to minimize rainwater run-off.

Public Access and Signage

The public will have access to the property to enjoy except that their vehicles will be limited to the entrance and parking area.

Standard preserve signage will be located on the property near the entry of Ned's Lane from North Menantic Road, together with signing indicating that the parking area is for preserve visitors and that the tennis courts and residential area are privately owned and not open to the public. Minor fencing may be installed as appropriate. Walking paths will be marked to guide the public. Preserve signing and posting will also be maintained around the periphery of the property.

Measures to Protect Ecology

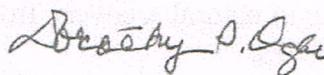
The Town will manage the property to protect the ecology of this property. Specifically:

- (a) Birds: no particular action will be taken except to keep undisturbed to encourage diversity.
- (b) Animals: The property will be left in an undisturbed state as a habitat for animals. No hunting or trapping is allowed unless permitted by the Town.
- (c) Vegetation: Invasive species and diseased trees and dead wood should be removed.
- (d) Wood cutting: The Town Board may permit wood cutting and removal from the property as part of its wood cutting program.

Funding

The Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board will submit budget recommendations to the Town Board annually for maintenance of the property. The Advisory Board will prepare an annual report to the Town Board of expenditures from the Community Preservation Fund for stewardship of the property.

Sincerely,



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Town Clerk

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Cc: Brian Sherman, Superintendent of Highways