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Mr. Gordon Gooding, Chairman
Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board
Town of Shelter Island
Shelter Island, NY 11964

Dear Mr. Gooding:

The following resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Shelter Island on the 1st day of March, 2019, to wit:

"Whereas", a public hearing was duly held on the 1st day of March, 2019, on a proposed Local Law entitled AMENDMENT TO LOCAL LAW NO. 12 - 2010 AND ADOPTION OF STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR OLD NURSERY WOODLANDS PRESERVE, and

"Whereas", all interested persons were heard in favor of or in opposition, now, Therefore
BE IT RESOLVED, That Local Law No. 2 - 2019 entitled AMENDMENT TO LOCAL LAW NO. 12 - 2010 AND ADOPTION OF STEWARDSHIP PLAN FOR OLD NURSERY WOODLANDS PRESERVE, is hereby adopted, as follows:

OLD NURSERY WOODLANDS PRESERVE
Shelter Island, New York
STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN

Introduction

On May 17, 2001, the Town of Shelter Island and Suffolk County acquired the so-called Nursery Woodland (SCTM 0700-015-03-004; 39 St. Mary's) consisting of an 18.87 acre treed parcel with meadow and overgrown nursery stock, each acquiring 50% undivided interests.

On February 21, 2003, the Town of Shelter Island and Suffolk County acquired the Nursery Woodland Annex (SCTM 0700-015-03-004; 68 North Ferry Road), consisting of a 5.5 acre treed parcel with understory plants and overgrown nursery stock, each acquiring 50% undivided interests.

On September 19, 2010, the Town adopted a stewardship plan for the Nursery Woodland Annex in Section of Local Law No. 12 - 2010, but has not adopted a stewardship plan for the Nursery Woodland.

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The treed areas consist of native species as well as a variety of trees in rows, some native and some exotic. There is much catbrier and other invasive species in the southern section of the property and a bamboo forest on the north side. Reports describing the condition of the property when acquired are located in the acquisition files maintained by the Town Clerk.

Because the two properties adjoin, have common features and connecting trails, the Town now desires to adopt a single stewardship plan for both properties for administrative simplicity and to repeal Section 3 of Local Law No. 12 - 2010. The following rules constitute a single plan for the combined 24.27 acres.

The property was formerly used by Blaise Laspia's Shelter Island Nursery on St. Mary's Road. It runs westerly from St. Mary's Road to North Ferry Road without a break (see attached Town GIS map).

Intentions

To use the Preserve as passive parkland for aquifer recharge and for such public use and enjoyment as is compatible with the natural, scenic, historic and open space character of the property.

To preserve natural features, including but not limited to, rare plants, habitats, trees, shrubs and other vegetation.

Name

The property will be called "Old Nursery Woodlands Preserve" and shall be so-called on all Town maps and descriptive materials. Entrances to the Preserve will be along St. Mary's Road and North Ferry Road.

Improvements

There are no improvements on the Preserve, except for a farm support shed (20.1' x 30.2'), now used by the Town Highway Department for storage, and an unused pump house (8.1' x 16.3').

Management

1. The Preserve will be left in its natural state with trails provided for public uses to enjoy.
2. Maintenance services include but are not limited to:
 - a. Litter/debris collection.
 - b. Removal of diseased trees and dead wood so as to maintain an appropriate and safe environment.
3. No permanent or temporary public toilets are to be erected.
4. Attention will be given to control of invasive species, including the bamboo forest and catbrier.

Public Access and Signage

Public access to hikers will be permitted from along St. Mary's and North Ferry Roads. Also, for as long as 16 Manwaring Road, across from Sylvester Manor's Windmill Field, is owned by the Town and continues to be used as open space and woodlands, access will be permitted from Manwaring Road. Access will also be permitted from St. Mary's Road, south of Ginny Drive through the Town's easement along the southerly boundary of 29 St. Mary's Road (700-15-3-12).

There is a well established walking trail system, with trails and paths through meadow, overgrown nursery stock and virgin woodlands. There is a dirt road used by the Highway Department to access the property, entering from St. Mary's Road along the fence line with the horse farm at 33 St. Mary's Road. The Town will erect signage indicating that use of this road is limited to Town vehicles.

On St. Mary's Road the Town will develop a hiker's entrance with parking in the grassy area on the west side of St. Mary's Road and south of Burns Road. The parking area will clearly be set off from the Fire Department's hydrant field. A trail will be constructed to run through the woods and connect to the dirt road west of the horse farm.

On North Ferry Road, the Town will develop a hiker's entrance with parking with a trail through the woods that connects to the existing trail leading east to the sheds, to relieve the 62 North Ferry Road property of the use by hikers of its road to access that trail. The creation and marking of this entrance is contingent on State DOT approval and the Town's provision of appropriate funding.

The Town will erect the Town/County Community Preservation Fund signage for the Preserve along St. Mary's and North Ferry Roads. Signs will contain the name "Old Nursery Woodlands" and "Hunting by Permit Only" clearly displayed with appropriate phone number contact. A large stone with bronze plaque will be located at the hikers' entrance on St. Mary's Road just south of the Burns Road intersection and at the hikers' entrance on North Ferry Road north of the 62 North Ferry Road property when it is established. The plaques will contain the name of the Preserve along with engraved map, acreage and usage of the property.

The Town will erect signage at 16 Manwaring Road indicating that the property is Town owned and that entry to hikers to the Preserve is permitted. These signs will be removed if the ownership or use of the lot changes.

The Town will establish and maintain a path in its easement along the southerly boundary of 29 St. Mary's Road with signage marking the Town's interest and indicating that entry to hikers to the Preserve is permitted.

Measures to Protect Ecology

The Town will manage the Preserve to protect the ecology of the Preserve.

Specifically:

1. Birds: no particular action will be taken except to keep undisturbed to encourage diversity.
2. Animals: Nuisance hunting on the Preserve if necessary may be authorized by the Town Board, and shall be conducted in conformance with Town rules and regulations.
3. Wood cutting: The property is included in the Town's woodcutting program in tandem with the policy for Sachem's Woods.
4. Vegetation: measures will be taken to reduce invasive species, including the catbrier and bamboo forest.

The Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board will conduct a substantive review of the Preserve every three years in order to insure the stewardship plan is being followed and conduct interim condition reviews.

The Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board will annually submit a maintenance budget recommendation to the Town Board, and will prepare an annual report to the Town Board of expenditures from the Community Preservation Fund for stewardship of the Preserve.

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Section 2. Section 3 of Local Law No. 12 - 2010 is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Effective Date:

This Local Law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,



Dorothy S. Ogar
Town Clerk

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