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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 West Neck Preserve Stewardship Management Plan, to wit:

WEST NECK PRESERVE
Shelter Island, New York
STEWARDSHIP MANAGEMENT PLAN

Introduction

This 7.7 acre preserve is located at 4 Nostrand Parkway (SCTM# 700.17-1-30). The Town of Shelter Island (with Community Preservation Fund money) acquired the property on February 12, 2020, from the O'Connor family. The property consists of eight lots identified on John L. Nostrand's "Map No. 1 of 230 Villa Sites at West Neck Park, Shelter Island," filed November 3, 1888. The property consists principally of woodlands along its bounds, with an open field in the center partly occupied by a small evergreen "farm". All vegetation, except along the diagonal path/road running southwesterly from West Neck Road to Nostrand Parkway and the small evergreen "farm", is due to natural recovery from active farming that began in the 1960's and was well advanced by the late 1970's. Also nearby are a small house, barn and related structures.

Intentions

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

Name

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

Improvements

The house, barn and other existing farm structures and equipment will be removed so that there will be no improvements remaining on the property.

Management

The property will left in its natural state except:

- (a) The entrance to the property will be maintained on West Neck Road, with an unpaved parking area just inside the property for visitors to 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. The existing diagonal trail/dirt road running southwesterly from West Neck Road to Nostrand Parkway will be maintained, with the chains continued at the entrances on West Neck Road and Nostrand Parkway. Additional trails or dirt roads may be maintained as needed for public access and use by Highway Department vehicles only.
- (c) The existing grassy area in the center will be mowed as needed to maintain a meadow, and the existing evergreen "farm" will be maintained as appropriate.
- (d) Benches and/or a picnic table may be installed where appropriate to assist public access.
- (e) 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. A standard Town preserve sign will be located on the property as appropriate, and the entrance on West Neck Road will be signed with the parking area indicated. 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

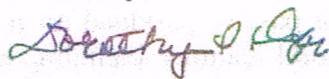
The Town will manage the property to protect the ecology of this property. Specifically:

- (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 under the Town's wood cutting program.

Funding

The Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board will submit budget recommendations to the Town 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,



Dorothy S. Ogar
Town Clerk

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Cc: Brian Sherman, Superintendent of Highways