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Board OKs longer demos

Yet PB rejects idea to limit demo permit transfers between owners

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A plan by the Duxbury Historical Commission to increase the waiting period before demolishing an antique building in town has received the unanimous support of the Duxbury Planning Board.

However, another proposal that would prevent a demolition permit from being transferred from one owner of a property to another was not

supported by the board.

The historical commission is sponsoring both proposals, which are articles 47 and 48 at the annual Town Meeting on Saturday, March 10. Both are amendments to the section of the zoning bylaw that covers the demolition of historically significant houses.

The purpose of these articles is to further the commis-

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ICD rezone gets board OK

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Members of the Duxbury Planning Board voted unanimously last week to endorse a citizen's petition article that calls for rezoning the Washington Street property near Snug Harbor owned by Island

Creek Oysters.

The board voted 5-0 on Wednesday, Feb. 14 to recommend approval of Article 13 to the annual Town Meeting, which begins Saturday, March 10.

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Back-to-back champs: Girls swim does it again



The Duxbury girls swim team won its second-straight Division 2 state title on Saturday at Boston University. The Dragons came in as the favorites, and they ended up dominating the competition. Duxbury's senior class departs as the most successful group in program history and will be tough to replace. A full story, and more pictures, can be found in this week's B section.

Photo by Trevor Hass



Duxbury celebrates the Year of the Dog. See more photos on page 12.

Photo by Karen Wong

Pot regs explained

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The Rev. Catherine Cullen moderated the panel discussion, "Beyond the Smoke, A forum to help prepare you for Town Meeting articles related to Recreational Marijuana," last week in the Merry Room of the Duxbury Free Library. Duxbury FACTS, an acronym for Families, Adolescents and

Communities against Substances, sponsored the event.

While there are three articles related to marijuana on the agenda for Annual Town Meeting March 10, only two deal specifically with recreational marijuana, and thus were the focus of the discussion. One is a general by-law prohibiting facilities for

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ATM articles call for rec pot ban in Duxbury

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marijuana not medically prescribed. The second article goes a step further and bans these facilities in every zoning district in town. The third article, which was mentioned in passing at the forum, cleans up an old zoning bylaw that puts a temporary moratorium on medical marijuana treatment centers. It expired three years ago. The Board of Selectmen and the School Committee have voiced their support for these articles.

"We've introduced these two bylaws as reflecting the vote of the town of Duxbury on the ballot question related to recreational marijuana. That question was do you support it or oppose it?" Planning Director Valerie Massard told the audience. "Duxbury, of the voters who voted, opposed it. So these two articles oppose having recreational marijuana that's out there for retail or cultivation in the town of Duxbury."

Massard explained the need for the two bylaws. She said regulations from the state's Cannabis Control Commission regarding a change in state legislation for recreational marijuana are still in draft form and thus unclear and unknown.

"So our goal is to have what we call a belt and suspenders approach," she added. "We want to cover it in both the general bylaw and the zoning bylaw, so however those regulations do pan out over time at the state level, we are covered in terms of the proposed ban, here, in the town of Duxbury."

Duxbury Police Chief Matthew Clancy echoed his sentiments from the forum he held at the Duxbury Senior Center Jan. 23. In his initial expression of his perspective, Clancy focused on the character of Duxbury and praised the town's zoning laws and the protection of its youth. He went on to say the regulatory uncertainty at the state level leaves too many questions on the table regarding the management of recreational marijuana in Massachusetts.

While those questions, which concern everything from training to traffic laws, are still yet to be answered, Clancy did point to movement on the issue. Robert C. Ross, general counsel of the executive office for administration and finance for Gov. Charlie Baker, sent a nine-page letter to the Cannabis Control Commission on Feb. 5, urging the CCC to slow down the regulatory process.

In addition to comments from the governor's office, Clancy said he received a 107-page draft document of

the proposed regulations just hours before last month's forum. He said the document was still open for public comment for a few more days (as of Feb. 13).

"So that's a changing document," he said. "So when we say there's complete uncertainty, we just don't know."

Dr. Julie Johnson, a Duxbury resident and mother of two young children, provided a medical perspective. Dr. Johnson is a health economist at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health who researches drug policy and youth substance use. She is also a national expert on marijuana policy who has authored science papers, written textbook chapters and has given presentations on the issue.

Johnson broke down the differences between the marijuana used by teens in the 1960s and '70s with the marijuana used today. The main difference, she said, is the increase in leaves of Tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the addictive compound found in the drug coupled with the decrease of Cannabidiol, or CBD, which is favored for its effectiveness by medical marijuana users. Her data, from a 2016 report in "High Times" magazine, looked at Colorado and she highlighted a highly selective strain to illustrate her point.

"We've kind of played around with the cultivation of marijuana and we're seeing re-

ally high strands of THC that have levels up to 32 percent THC, which is astronomical," she said. "So comparing that to the weed of the 1960s and 1970s that are below one percent THC, it's a whole different drug we're talking about now."

She transitioned into the effects on teens, how they consume and obtain marijuana and the impacts on their brains. Marijuana, she said, affects the brain by limiting the development of the frontal lobe, which processes reasoning, problem solving, judgment, impulse control and emotions.

She added teens use marijuana through smoking, vaping and disguising it in everyday food products.

"My biggest fear as both a

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Tonight's the night to learn more about proposed DSC expansion

A public information session is set for tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. at 10 Mayflower St., the site of the Duxbury Senior Center. At last year's annual Town Meeting, voters agreed to have architectural plans drawn up to show what a larger building would look like. The proposal for this year's Town Meeting, set for Saturday, March 10, asks voters to consider moving ahead with the proposed 4,600-square foot expansion.



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No new faces for upcoming election candidate

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When voters go to the polls on Saturday, March 24, they will find a ballot filled with uncontested races. All but one candidate seeks re-election to the board he or she now serves on. The polls are open from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Voters from the town's six precincts will cast ballots at the Timothy J. Steele Athletic Building, 130 St. George St.

About 12,000 residents of Duxbury are registered to vote, said Town Clerk Susan C. Kelley.

Running for re-election as selectman for a three-year term is David J. Madigan.

Linda M. Collari seeks a three-year term as assessor.

Moderator John J. Tuffy is running for a one-year term in

that role.

School Committee member and its current chairman, Peter Quigley, is running for another three-year post to that board.

Two Planning Board members, current clerk Cynthia Ladd Fiorini and Brian E. Glennon II, seek a five-year term on that panel.

Library Trustees Cristin M. Mitchell and Leah Marie

Petro are seeking election to a three-year term in that role. Mitchell is an incumbent. Petro is not.

Stephen Flynn McCarthy Sr. is running again for a five-year term to the Duxbury Housing Authority.

Duxbury Girl Scout news

Sweetheart Dance. It's almost time for our annual Sweetheart Dance. Be sure to save Saturday, March 3, and plan to attend this popular annual event featuring square dancing led by Bob Butler and a make-your-own sundae party as well. Girls who attend will receive a patch and can also purchase a Sweetheart necklace if they wish. All attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food item, which will be donated to the Interfaith Council for the Easter food baskets. Pre-registration is encouraged and will speed up the process of checking in for the girls, but you can also pay at the door. We hope to see you on the 3rd.

Girl Scout Cookies. The cookie sale is winding down, but cookies are still available at cookie booths at Foodies. In addition, there will be a booth set up at the annual Town Meeting where you can obtain your favorite variety. Be sure to purchase a box or two for the freezer and maybe consider donating a box to be shipped to members of the military serving overseas. We will be shipping boxes to them in mid-March, which they can enjoy and share with their fellow service members.

Leaders' Meeting. Leaders are reminded that our next Leaders' Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout House. Please be sure your troop is represented as we go over our spring activities including bowling and the encampment.

Duxbury wrestling



Aidan Quilty, 152 pounds, runs a half nelson on his North Attleboro foe. Quilty went on to place sixth, and will compete this weekend at all-states.

Photo by Marilyn Quilty



James Fitzgerald, 145 pounds, throws his Catholic Memorial opponent for a takedown.

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