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"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." - James Keller

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## Wanted: Input to aid growth

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At the Aug. 9 meeting of the Duxbury Planning Board, Planning Director Valerie Massard updated the board on the status of the town's Comprehensive Plan, which is going through its first major revision in 18 years. Massard's presentation follows the thorough outlining of the process presented to the Planning Board in June.

In the last two months, Massard said, the website has launched, and hard copies of the survey are available this

week. Massard said the survey, which will take "three to five minutes tops" to complete, is also designed to be completed on mobile devices, especially cell phones.

"Any age can fill it out," she said. "We're excited to get the feedback. The survey will help generate some new blood and keep us fresh."

Planning Board Vice Chairman David Uitti suggested the creation of a "challenge" to spur engagement, not unlike the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, which went viral in the summer of 2014.

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Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" features an ensemble cast at the Aug. 3 - 5 production by the Duxbury Yacht Club. Here, cowboy curly (Peter Stanwood), farmer Andrew Carnes (Delby Lemieux), Gertie (Caroline Smith) and peddler Ali Hakim (Zak Maxey) prepare for a wedding. See more photos on page 12.

Photo by Deni Johnson

## Safeguarding Duxbury Bay

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The Duxbury Planning Board held a second public meeting on the Eventide development Wednesday

night, in order to follow up on concerns raised at the first public hearing held July 26. The main purpose was to hear specifically how the drainage and septic sys-

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## State awards grant money to protect Duxbury Beach

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A state grant from the Office of Coastal Zone Management will help the town prepare for climate change as Duxbury works to preserve its

beach dunes and access road.

Announcement of the \$36,340 Coastal Resilience grant was made Aug. 9 through a press statement by state Sen. Patrick O'Connor, R - Weymouth, and state Rep. Josh Cutler, D-Duxbury.

Secretary Matthew Beaton of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs awarded the grant at a ceremony at the Aquacultural Research Corporation in Dennis last week.

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# Safeguarding Duxbury Bay

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tems, mainly the discharge of phosphorus and nitrogen, would affect Duxbury Bay. The Eventide project is an eight-lot waterfront subdivision proposed for the Washington Street property earlier occupied by science and technological research company Battelle.

Duxbury attorney Robert Galvin and Pat Berman called on subject expert Peter Dillon to report on his findings. Dillon, who was asked to begin by listing his credentials, said he was a geology professor at Boston College before working on the document used to develop the septic system regulation known as Title V. Dillon served on the Norwell Board of Health for 20 years, beginning in 1996, and is currently the chairman of Norwell's Water Commission.

Dillon said that phosphorus is "immobile" and "doesn't travel fast." He said a six-foot septic tank is required in Duxbury, while a standard tank holds 10 milliliters per liter. Dillon assured salt water is "not phosphorus limited" and said "there is plenty in the ocean." He concluded by saying phosphorus is "not an issue."

Dillon went on to call nitrogen a "limiting factor" and said in general, calculations are not required. He recommended advanced treatment, and said options to go above and beyond include fast systems and fixed sledge treatment. Dillon also said natural runoff has been accounted for and "nitrogen is the issue here, not phosphorus."

Planning Board Vice Chairman David Uitti pressed Dillon further, asking for specifics on what his conclusions mean specifically for the Eventide development and Duxbury Bay. Dillon said to "look at the amount of nitrogen discharge," which is "six milliliters per cubic liter." His calculations are based on the length of shoreline at the property, which measures 479 meters long.

The Planning Board also discussed the issue of roadway grading and construction at the site, which led to more questions than answers. Project development engineer Brad McKenzie, in a letter he submitted to the board Aug. 3, discussed moderate grading and said it would "reduce impacts." He also said the land falls within Zone AE, which is protected under the flood zone bylaws.

Duxbury Planning Director Valerie Massard says she wants the board and developers to "agree on a process" and "sort out inspections ahead of time."



Peter Dillon, chairman of Norwell's board of water commissioners, speaks about phosphorus and nitrogen levels in salt water during the Aug. 9 Planning Board meeting about the Eventide development at Duxbury Bay.

Photo by Jonathan Pappalardo

"We need to come up with something as a team," urged Massard.

Massard said agreement was needed on a demolition and disposal process as well as a demolition site preparation plan.

Berman added, "We need a plan just for roadway construction."

Residents in attendance Aug. 9 voiced their concerns

about environmental conservation, citing the many mature trees on the property. They worried that removing them would have a negative effect.

David Amory, of Puritan Road, said "historical buildings and trees add value." He urged the town to play a more active roll and said attempts at preservation would assure "the special character of the site."

Massard, in response, said

"the Planning Board has no jurisdiction over the historical preservation aspects of the property."

Berman added, "No one should assume [developer Diamond Sinacori] is going to clear cut this property." He assured residences and the planning board, "the landscape will be high-end as well."

Members of the Planning Board, under Uitti's direction,

agreed on a motion to continue the public hearing. The next planning board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.

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