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News From the CICA Housing Committee

Through this fall, CICA's Housing Committee has been talking with the Board of Selectmen about the possibility of using some Town land for affordable housing (aka year-round or workforce housing). We asked, and were given permission to do a wetland/septic survey of a parcel on School House Road and the Curit property across from the Cemetery. These surveys told us that the land on School House Road is, as we did know already, very wet. On the other hand, the upland part of the Curit property is excellent land for housing. So we have asked the Selectmen if we can develop a housing plan for it that we hope to have completed by June Annual Town Meeting. The Selectmen agreed to let us go ahead and assigned Donna Damon to work with us.

If you would be interested in coming to meetings of our committee as we start on planning for affordable housing on the Curit property, we would be glad to see you. We normally meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:15 at the Parish House.

In addition, Mary Terry, our Island Institute Fellow for housing, has been on the island in December interviewing people who might be interested in affordable/year-round housing about what they want and need. Her work will feed into our planning for the Curit land as well.

Beth Howe, Chair, CICA Housing Committee