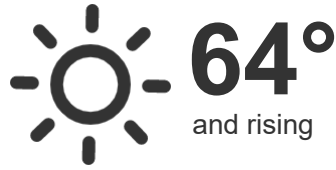


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Harwich To Auction A Dozen Parcels

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HARWICH – The town has scheduled an Oct. 26 auction of a dozen or more properties taken for non-payment of taxes.

Most of the parcels are landlocked, Treasurer/Tax Collector Amy Bullock told selectmen last week. However, Bullock said she is considering adding a couple of more parcels taken by the town



“Currently there are 12 land of low value parcels,” Bullock wrote in a Sept. 15 memo to Town Administrator Joseph Powers about the auction. “I would like to include three additional parcels the town has foreclosed on. These parcels all have street frontage and I believe they would be a good draw to the auction.”

Bullock told selectmen last week she is considering adding a parcel on Queen Anne Road and one on Oak Street to the list. Selectmen have been working with Bullock to try to get “owners unknown” parcels back on the tax rolls.

“If we can get [the assessed] value for them, I suggest we add them in,” Bullock said.

The 12 parcels being advertised for sale include six lots off Bank Street, two lots off Chatham Road, and one lot each off Sisson Road, Gorham Road, Forest Street and Queen Anne Road.

The lots off Bank Street include a 2.8-acre parcel abutting Grassy Pond with an assessed value of \$4,300; a 1.3-acre lot abutting the pond with a value of \$2,000; a 2.5-acre parcel to the rear of 280 Bank St. with a value of \$20,600; a 25,265-square-foot lot off Bank Street with a value of \$900; a 20,473-square-foot lot behind Country Meadows with a value of \$700; and a 20,909-square-foot parcel to the rear of 254-268 Bank St. with a value of \$700.

The two lots off Chatham Road include a one-acre parcel behind 280 Chatham Rd. valued at \$8,300, and a 31,363-square-foot parcel behind Echo Woods with a value of \$5,900. The Queen Anne Road lot abutting Route 6 has 18,295 square feet and is valued at \$5,200. The Forest Street lot behind Country Meadows has 2.6 acres and is valued at \$4,000. The Sisson Road lot has 32,670 square feet and a value of \$1,200, and the lot to the rear of 163-165 Gorham Rd. has 4,792 square feet and is valued at \$1,300.

For the most part, Bullock said, the parcels are landlocked and wetland parcels and may only be of value to abutting property owners. The fair market value is the minimum bid for which the town can auction the parcels, Bullock said.

The town has hired Sullivan & Sullivan Auctioneers to conduct the auction. In a notice to prospective bidders, the auctioneers said the parcels will be sold to the highest bidders subject to confirmation by the town. The town has set a low minimum bid price with the expectation that everything will sell.

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Because the properties are landlocked, the auction will be held in the back parking lot of town hall at 732 Main St. starting at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 26. In order to qualify as a bidder, participants must be present with a certified check, money order or bank check for \$1,000 as a deposit. A separate check will be required for each property being considered for purchase. A 7 percent Buyer's Premium will be added to the winning bid prices and calculated into the total sale price.

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