## NATIONAL HISTORIC LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION ACT OF 2000 NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

## Duxbury Pier Lighthouse Plymouth Harbor, Duxbury, Massachusetts May 15, 2014

The Duxbury Pier Lighthouse also known as "Bug Light" constructed in 1871 (the Property) has been determined to be excess to the needs of the United States Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security. Pursuant to the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act of 2000 (NHLPA) 16 U.S.C. 470, this Property is being made available at no cost to eligible entities defined as Federal agencies, state and local agencies, non-profit corporations, educational agencies, or community development organizations for educational, park, recreational, cultural or historic preservation purposes.

Pursuant to Section 309 of the NHLPA, the Property will be sold if it is not transferred to a public body or non-profit organization.

The Property is located within Plymouth Harbor and is used to mark the dangerous shoal off Saquish Head, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Any eligible entity with an interest in acquiring the Property for a use consistent with the purposes stated above should submit a letter of interest to the address listed below by **July 14**, **2014.** 

Letters of interest should include:

- Name of Property
- Name of eligible entity
- Point of contact, title, address, phone and email
- Non-profit agencies must provide either a copy of their state-certified articles of incorporation or evidence that an application has been filed.

Eligible entities that submit a written letter of interest will be sent an application from the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) and given an opportunity to inspect the Property. Building inspectors and/or contractors may accompany the applicant on the inspection. The completed application must be submitted to the NPS within 90 days from the date of the Federal government's scheduled site inspection. The NPS will review the applications and may recommend a steward to receive the property. The General Services Administration will complete the conveyance to the selected steward with a Quitclaim Deed.

Letters of interest should be sent to: U.S. General Services Administration Real Property Utilization and Disposal 10 Causeway Street Boston, MA 02222 Attention: Eric Giusti Send a copy to: Ms. Brona Simon State Historic Preservation Officer Massachusetts Historical Commission 220 Morrissey Boulevard Boston, MA 02125-3314

## National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act (NHLPA) Notice of Availability Fact Sheet Date: May 16, 2012

| GSA Control No.                 | 1-X-MA-0874   |
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| Property Identification         | The Duxbury Pier Lighthouse ("the Property")  |
| Address                         | On the north side of the main channel in Plymouth Harbor<br>south west from the shoal of Saquish Head.<br>Coordinates: 41°59′ 14″N / 70°38′ 54″W  |
| Description                     |   |
|                                 | The Property consists of the conical (spark plug) lighthouse<br>structure, a 47' three-story, cast iron, cylindrical tower, It<br>is first of its kind in the United States.<br>Entry to the Property must be made via an attached ladder<br>which is only accessible by boat .<br>The Property is subject to tidal and storm flooding. |
| Photo Credit Jeremy D'Entremont |   |
| Condition of Property           | The Property is offered "AS IS' and "WHERE IS" without representation, warranty, or guarantee as to quality, quantity, title, character, condition, size or kind.   |
| Range of Possible Uses          | May be obtained for educational, park, recreational, cultural, or historic preservation purposes.   |
| Commercial Activities           | Commercial activities are prohibited unless approved by the Secretary of the Interior.  |
| Historical Information          | The Property has been nominated for the National Register<br>of Historic Places, and therefore must be maintained<br>according to the Secretary of Interior's Standards for<br>Rehabilitation. The deed will include historic preservation<br>covenants.  |
| Utilities                       | None  |
| Current Tenant                  | Project Gurnet & Bug Lights, Inc  |
| Aid to Navigation (ATON)        | ATON will remain the personal property of the USCG.<br>The system was automated in 1964. The present optic is a<br>250 MM solar powered system which flashes two red<br>signals every five seconds. An electronic fog signal horn<br>sounds twice every 15 seconds as needed.   |

| <b>Rights to be retained by the United States Coast</b> | 1) the unrestricted right of the USCG to keep, locate,                   |
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| Guard   | service, maintain, operate, repair and replace aids to                   |
|   | navigation and any and all associated equipment on the                   |
|   | Property;  |
|   | 2) the unrestricted right of the USCG to relocate or add any             |
|   | aids to navigation and any and all associated equipment or               |
|   | make changes on any portion of the Property as may be                    |
|   | necessary for ATON purposes;   |
|   | 3) a right of access in favor of the USCG for the purpose of             |
|   | servicing, maintaining, locating, operating, repairing and               |
|   | replacing ATON and any and all associated equipment on                   |
|   | the Property. The USCG shall have the right to enter the                 |
|   | Property at any time with reasonable notice for the purpose              |
|   | of maintaining the ATON and performing other functions                   |
|   | contemplated herein. Access shall be across any portion of               |
|   | the Property as necessary. Upon completion of the                        |
|   | servicing of the ATON and any associated equipment, the                  |
|   | Property shall at the sole cost of the USCG, subject to the              |
|   | availability of appropriated funds, be left as nearly as                 |
|   | reasonably possible in the same condition as before any such work began; |
|   | 4) a reservation to the USCG for the purpose of preserving               |
|   | an Arc of Visibility from the Property to the shoreline                  |
|   | within the radial arc of 360 degrees true and the stipulation            |
|   | that nothing will be constructed, maintained or permitted of             |
|   | a height to interfere with or obstruct the Arc of Visibility;            |
|   | 5) An right to the USCG for the purpose of sounding in                   |
|   | certain weather conditions a fog signal horn.                            |
| Environmental Information                               | Due to the age of the Property, asbestos containing                      |
|   | materials and lead-based paint may be present.                           |
|   | Under the NHLPA, no submerged lands can be conveyed                      |
|   | with the Property. An agreement from the Commonwealth                    |
| Submerged Lands   | of Massachusetts will be needed to allow the new steward                 |
|   | to occupy the ledge on which the Property sits.                          |
| Notice Response Due Date                                | 60 days from date of this Notice, which is July 14, 2014.                |
| Access/Inspection                                       | Not open to the public. An inspection for eligible                       |
|   | applicants will be arranged by the U.S. General Services                 |
|   | Administration after the 60-day screening period is closed.              |
|   | A Waiver of Liability must be signed with GSA in advance                 |
|   | in of the onsite inspection. Contact Eric Giusti @ 617-565-              |
|   | 5072 or via email: Eric.giusti@gsa.gov                                   |
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