

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 8:00 P.M.

Holliston Town Hall, Room 201

MINUTES

The Chairman convened the meeting at 8:05.

Attending: Frank Chamberlain (chair), Chris Bajdek, Warren Chamberlain, Thomas Dumas, Melissa Kaspern, Eva Stahl

Also Present: Lixy Carey, John Vosburg.

Mr. Vosburg is awaiting renewal of his appointment to the Open Space Committee.

Approval of the Minutes. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Status of CPA Projects

Frank Chamberlain reviewed a list of the projects that are currently underway or have been finished. In the case of projects that have expired, Frank Chamberlain will check which should be closed out and which should have funds returned.

Open Space Request

Ms. Carey described a property that may be acquired on the edge of the Fairbanks Town Forest. In preparation for selling three lots, The DeWolfe family took two properties out of Chapter 61A. A neighbor has purchased one lot and will build a single house on it. The Open Space Committee hopes to purchase the other two of the three lots. Ms. Carey stated that they hope to purchase one lot now and the other in the fall, with a state land grant. This will have to move quickly. The family requests life tenancy, and the Open Space Committee needs to structure the purchase to best assure eligibility for a grant. Frank Chamberlain mentioned strategies to make the house and the land work as a CPC purchase. The Committee discussed the purchase.

Eight-Arch Bridge Update

Mary Greendale hopes to attend a meeting of that Committee on September 26, 2016. They requested that a member of the CPC also be present. Frank Chamberlain or Ms. Stahl will try to attend.

Parks & Recreation Plan Request

The CPC has requested a plan of future proposals of recreational projects. Ms. Kaspern circulated the plan submitted by Kristen Hedrick, Recreational Director. This is a proposal for professional services by Beals and Thomas. There will be discussion when Ms. Hedrick is able to attend.

Fall 2016 CPA Application Schedule

Future meetings will be on Wednesdays, September 21 and 28, 2016. Wednesday, October 5 will be a public hearing, followed by a meeting.

The Finance Committee will welcome a report from Frank Chamberlain before Town Meeting on October 24th.

Web Site / Communications

There was a lively discussion of how to get the news about meetings out to the town. Social media, a dedicated website, and the HCAT Bulletin Board were considered, but there was agreement that the Town of Holliston's website is the official place where information must be stored. That website can be difficult to keep updated.

CPC Leadership. Frank Chamberlain introduced the idea of moving the CPC to the care of a new chairperson.

New Business. There was no new business.

Upon a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Woodrow

Date Approved: April 3, 2017