

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

7:30 PM February 25, 2015
Holliston Town Hall, Room 014

MINUTES

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM.

Attending:

Frank Chamberlain (chair): Chris Bajdek; Warren Chamberlain; Thomas Dumas; Rachel Kane;
Melissa Kaspern; Mike Pelon; Eva Stahl

Approval of Minutes

VOTE Moved: to approve the minutes of 3/25/14 as amended.

Approved: Frank Chamberlain, Mr. Bajdek, Warren Chamberlain, Mr. Pelon, Ms. Stahl

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Mr. Dumas, Ms. Kane, Ms. Kaspern

VOTE Moved: to approve the minutes of 4/3/14 as amended

Approved: Frank Chamberlain, Mr. Bajdek, Ms. Kaspern, Mr. Pelon, Ms. Stahl

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Warren Chamberlain. Mr. Dumas, Ms. Kane

VOTE Moved: to approve the minutes of 9/17/14 as amended.

Approved: Frank Chamberlain, Mr. Bajdek, Warren Chamberlain, Mr. Dumas, Ms. Kane, Mr. Pelon

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Ms. Kaspern, Ms. Stahl

VOTE Moved: to approve the minutes of 10/01/14 as amended.

Approved: Frank Chamberlain, Mr. Bajdek, Warren Chamberlain, Mr. Dumas, Ms. Kane, Ms. Kaspern, Mr. Pelon, Ms. Stahl

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

VOTE Moved: to approve the minutes of 10/15/14 as amended.

Approved: Frank Chamberlain, Mr. Bajdek, Warren Chamberlain, Ms. Kane, Ms. Kaspern, Mr. Pelon

Opposed: 0

Abstained: Mr. Dumas, Ms. Stahl

CPA Requests

There were no official proposals.

The deadline for proposals is in March. The Committee noted that meetings have been scheduled to consider requests that are submitted. Those dates are: March 11, March 25, and April 8.

There was preliminary discussion of some anticipated proposals.

Mr. Bajdek described a project the Conservation Commission is considering, to develop a management plan for the Winthrop Canal. He described the history, the current thinking, and the benefits of such a study. The canal is identified as a scenic resource. The Committee noted that it is a wildlife habitat, it is the main outflow of the lake, and it is contiguous to historic sites. In 2013 Town Meeting expressed an interest in managing the Canal, residents have asked for help with the flooding caused by beavers, and there is still public interest in following up. There was to be

progress on the plan by the 2014 Town Meeting. The CPC might consider whether funding such a grant would be appropriate.

Frank Chamberlain reported on his conversation with Stuart Saginaw of the Mass CPA, regarding the Police Department's interest in funding an ATV for emergency use on the Rail Trail. Mr. Saginaw advised that an ATV would not be an allowed use of CPA funds.

Frank Chamberlain spoke of the Holliston Athletic Boosters Association's interest in rehabilitating the school's baseball field. There were questions about whether this would be a legitimate project or an appropriate allotment of CPA funds.

Frank Chamberlain reported on a conversation with Brian Clancy of the Housing Trust. Mr. Clancy said that there might be a buyer for the single-family home they offered for sale. The Trust has also completed the Regency Drive condominium and the two Habitat of Humanity houses. With this work coming to fruition, the Trust may come to the CPC for additional funding to continue their affordable housing efforts.

Ms. Kaspern described the efforts of the Park Department to expand activities for older children and increase the playground area at Stoddard Park. They anticipate submitting a proposal once their planning has moved further.

The Agricultural Commission is waiting to hear from town counsel if they can secure the house on the Serocki property. The Commission hopes to repurpose it a public center for meetings, education, a library and storage. That may be an allowed use for CPC funds. There was agreement that a management plan would be useful for that property.

CPA Coalition Dues

Frank Chamberlain stated that the Massachusetts CPA Coalition has been responsive to requests for guidance and helpful with the annual report. The dues for this year are \$1,750.

VOTE Moved: to approve payment of \$1750 dues in order to continue membership in the Massachusetts CPA Coalition.

Approved: Frank Chamberlain, Mr. Bajdek, Warren Chamberlain, Mr. Dumas, Ms. Kane, Ms. Kaspern, Mr. Pelon, Ms. Stahl

Opposed: 0

Community Preservation Plan

Frank Chamberlain posted a link to some other town plans. He is hoping to make revisions soon, noting the time Ms. Kane and Mr. Bajdek have put into developing the draft plan. Suggestions from the Committee included: to link the matrix, to link the projects, to include photographs – perhaps updated from the slideshow created for Holliston in Bloom.

New Business

There was no new business.

The next meeting will take place Wednesday March 11 at 7:30 PM
Upon a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Woodrow

Date Approved: March 11, 2015