

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

7:00 PM September 9, 2015
Holliston Town Hall, Room 019

MINUTES

The chairman called the meeting to order at 7:20

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

Approval of Minutes

VOTE Moved: to approve the minutes of April 15, 2015 as amended.

Approved: Frank Chamberlain, Mr. Bajdek, Warren Chamberlain, Mr. Dumas, Ms. Newlands

Abstained: Ms. Kaspern, Mr. Pelon, Ms. Stahl

Scheduling for Fall CPA Cycle

The Special Town Meeting will be October 26, 2015.

The Committee suggested fall meeting dates:

- Wednesday, September 23, 2015 – Meeting at 7:00.
- Wednesday, October 7, 2015 - Public Hearing at 7:00 PM, followed by the CPC meeting.

Frank Chamberlain will submit an article to the Holliston Reporter to notify the public.

Frank Chamberlain reported that the Town Accountant is working on the CPC budget balances. Frank Chamberlain will email the completed spreadsheet to Committee members when it becomes available. Dedicated funds for the Open Space and Housing accounts have been drawn down, but the Historical Preservation balance has not been much used.

Frank Chamberlain mentioned that the new CPC member from the Open Space Committee is John Vosburg. He will attend meetings after he is approved by the Board of Selectmen and sworn in by the Town Clerk.

The Committee expects that Paul Saulnier may return with an update on the Wenakeening Woods project.

Historic Town Records Preservation

Frank Chamberlain reported on a conversation with Elizabeth Greendale. Holliston's records go back to 1724. They are in fairly good shape and were professionally conserved once. Birth & death records back to the thirties have been preserved. The goal at this time is to have the more recent records are digitized, which would allow access to them without wear and tear.

New Business

Members of the Committee expressed an interest in the upcoming CPA meeting to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Community Preservation Act, which will be held at the Massachusetts State House on October 6th at 10:30 AM.

Frank Chamberlain will circulate the draft of the CPC plan. Members of the Committee will submit comments by the next meeting. The goal is to post the plan as soon as possible.

Frank Chamberlain reported on a discussion he had with the Town Accountant regarding the CPC's Administrative Budget. The Committee may want to discuss changing the current system of reserving up to 5% for costs. Frank Chamberlain stated that they could make a decision about this in the spring,

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday September 23, 2015 at 7:00
Upon a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Woodrow

Date Approved: September 30, 2015