

The Wilbraham Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Minnechaug High School Auditorium  
May 16, 2016  
6:30 p.m.

Present: Dan Miles, Nancy Piccin, Anna Levine, Mike Mannix, John Guzzo, Carolyn Brennan, Kevin Murray

Absent: Todd Luzi

Also present: Nancy Johnson, Town Accountant, Stoughton L. Smead Secretary Community Preservation Committee, Jerome Gagliarducci, owner Silo Farm Associates LLC, Lawrence Lloyd – contact person for Silo Farms Associates

### **Mount Marcy**

Dan stated that in the last Finance Committee meeting a motion was made not to recommend the purchase of Mount Marcy with Community Preservation Funds. Since that meeting the CPC sent the Finance Committee documentation on the Mt. Marcy Project, to clarify some questions.

Stoughton Swead said that seldom does a piece of property become available that is so ready made for conservation or community preservation as the Mt. Marcy property. He said that so much money has been spent on, and work been put into this property that money would not have to be spent on the property for another 10 or fifteen years, and that may only be to control invasive species. Mr. Gagliarducci has agreed to 5 years stewardship to maintain the grounds and the trail to the top, and put in 6 car gravel parking area. After the 5 years, stewardship would turn over to the Minnechaug Land Trust. This property has connectivity to other conservation land in Wilbraham. Mr. Gagliarducci had the land forested about four years ago and realized how gorgeous the property truly is, he just feels the property should belong to Wilbraham, even though he could get more money out of it if he built homes. If the state grant does not come through to complete the purchase of the land, the money would revert back to the CPA disbursement on future projects.

MOTION: Finance Committee to reopen the vote on Article 31, Community Preservation Program Project for Mount Marcy. Seconded, approved unanimously.

MOTION: Finance Committee has no opinion on Article 31, Community Preservation Program Project for Mount Marcy. There was discussion about why the Finance Committee had originally voted against the article. The attempt to withdraw the motion was made, but there must be a vote since the motion was seconded. Seconded, 4 approved, 3 opposed.

### **Vote Minutes**

MOTION: Accept the minutes for the April 5, 2016 Finance Committee meeting. Seconded, approved unanimously, Carolyn Brennan and Kevin Murray abstain

MOTION: Accept the minutes for the April 13, 2016 Finance Committee meeting. Seconded, approved unanimously, Carolyn Brennan and Kevin Murray abstain

Debbie Brennan  
Staff Accountant