



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF WILBRAHAM
240 Springfield Street
Wilbraham, Massachusetts 01095

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting date 5/26/2021 | Time 6:30 pm | Meeting location GoToMeeting Online

Seven members present: John Broderick, Tracey Plantier, David Trebbe, Gordon Allen, Stoughton Smead, Brian Fitzgerald and David Proto. Absent: Jim Burke. Also present, Karen Vlohiotis (CPC Recording Secretary).

Also present: Ron Haislip-Hansberry

6:32 p.m. – John opened the meeting and announced it will be recorded. No one else indicated the meeting is being recorded.

I. Open Forum

Discussion:

- (a) No one had anything for Open Forum.
- (b) John, Karen and Tracey continue to work on the CPC website.
- (c) Storywalk at Library started (DPW).
- (d) Design work on the Old Meeting House.
- (e) Look into whether documents referenced during meeting should become part of the Meeting Minutes.

II. Old Business

- a. Soccer Club Project from 2016

Discussion:

John will send an e-mail to Marc Atkin and the Town Accountant (Derek Geser, advising that the project is closed. No funds will be expended unless they come forward with another request (bathroom construction). Sto noted the funds must be aged into the system for the next project year. The Town Accountant will close it out and funds will return to the CPC. Sto asked whether that will happen at end of the Fiscal Year? John explained there is a process. EOY balance and BOY balance don't match to the CPA worksheet because of things closed out, funds not spent, etc. Sto indicated that funds have to be reassigned to same category it was given. Gordie asked Dave Trebbe whether the Soccer Club has met with the Rec Department? Is there interest in the Soccer Club and Rec Department working together on the construction of bathrooms? Dave will bring it up at their next meeting on June 10th. They can submit a request for next year. John noted funds have been spent to run the sewer line. Sto confirmed it was installed one year ago.

- b. Historical Commission Appointee

Discussion:

John will leave this item on the Agenda permanently. Sto recommended Charlie Bennett for the position; he has a great background for this role. There was further discussion on options for filling the seat. John will follow up with Nick B. (Town Administrator) and Board of Selectmen.

III. New Business

- a. Use of CPA money for planting trees

Discussion:

The Planning Board will be installing sidewalks past Dipping Hole to Boston Road. Tracey researched what other communities have historically done with CPA funds to replace trees that have been removed and shared the results via e-mail. Gordie briefly discussed this with the Planning Board; they are going to have a public meeting next week (June 2nd). It is not certain whether a request for funds to replace the trees from CPA funds will be made by the DPW or homeowners who are impacted. This may be premature until tree cutting starts. Tracey mentioned the DPW knows what has previously been done if residents get upset about trees that are cut down. Tanya Basch (DPW has the information if residents want trees replaced. Sto noted this goes back to post tornado how this was handled and paid for; budgeted expenditure, CPA funds, etc. CPA funds can be used for municipal properties whereas residents who want trees replaced on private property cannot.

IV. Other Business

- a. Town Meeting Recap

Discussion:

John mentioned things learned from the past year regarding communication between boards and applicants and how to improve going forward. All projects were approved at Town Meeting. The CPC should make sure it receives updates from the Rec Commission and Brian on the Recreational Complex.

- b. Reappointments to CPC – Gordie A., Jim B. and Dave P.

Discussion:

Gordie and Dave need to be reappointed by the Board of Selectmen and Jim B. by the Housing Authority. Heather will provide paperwork to Gordie for reappointment. John noted there will be changes to the Planning Board. Jeff Smith will be the new Planning Director replacing John Pearsall. Seats on the Board may shift as a result. Tracey indicated the extent of changes has not been determined at this point.

V. Approval of Minutes

a. 3/23/21

Discussion:

Karen will make some edits, correct typos. John motioned to approve the Minutes as amended. Brian moved and Tracey seconded. Roll call vote – Yes: Dave T., Gordie, Brian, Dave P., Sto, Tracey, and John. All in favor.

VI. Next Meeting Date

a. TBD. John will reach out as needed.

No other questions or comments.

Motion to adjourn by John at 7:15 p.m. Moved by Sto and seconded by Tracey. Roll call Vote - Yes: Dave T., Gordie, Brian, Dave P., Sto, Tracey, and John. All in favor.

Submitted by: Karen Vlohiotis

Date: May 31, 2021