

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 14, 2020

*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL Chapter 30A Section 18 and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order concerning imposition on strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, meetings of the Northbridge Community Preservation Committee shall be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided in the Order.*

## I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Roll-Call Attendance

Recognizing the presence of a quorum Glenn King, Chair called meeting (via ZOOM) to order at 6:30 PM; with John O'Brien, Barbara McNamee, Rainer Forst, Michael Proto, and Harry Berkowitz in attendance (roll-call attendance). Brian Paulus and Wendy Timmons were absent. R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner was also present.

## II. REORGANIZATION

Chair, Vice Chair &amp; Clerk

Committee sought nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk. *Upon motion duly made (R. Forst) and seconded (B. McNamee) Glenn King was (re)appointed Chair, Harry Berkowitz (re)appointed Vice Chair and John O'Brien (re)appointed Clerk.* Motion was carried unanimously (roll-call vote).

## III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

June 08, 2020

*Motion was made (H. Berkowitz) and seconded (R. Forst) to approve the June 08, 2020 meeting minutes.* Motion was carried unanimously (roll-call vote).

## IV. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN (DRAFT)

G. King indicated he will look to meet with the Northbridge Historic Commission in the coming weeks to review the CPA and draft Community Preservation Plan.

G. Bechtholdt explained to the Committee that the Planning Board is prepared to meet with the Community Preservation Committee Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (7:00 PM -via ZOOM) as a joint-meeting (public informational meeting) to review/discuss the draft Community Preservation Plan and seek public input.

G. Bechtholdt noted that he will contact the Blackstone Valley Tribune for an article to announce the CPA initiatives and invite Northbridge residents to attend the public informational meeting.

G. Bechtholdt asked Committee members if they had any revisions or mark-ups for the draft CP Plan, suggesting when they do to please forward comments to him directly (via email).

## V. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

School Committee & Historic Commission Representatives

G. Bechtholdt suggested he would check with the Town Clerk/Town Manager's Office to see if the School Committee has (re)appointed Brian Paulus to serve on the Committee or if they have appointed another member. G. Bechtholdt informed the Committee that he would get G. King in contact with the newly appointed Chair of the Northbridge Historic Commission (Leonard Smith) to coordinate a meeting with the Commission and to inform of the need to appoint a new member of the Historic Commission (representative) to serve on the Community Preservation Committee, as Wendy Timmons is no longer able to do so.

CPA Administrative Services -Vote to Amend/Reauthorize

*Upon motion duly made (H. Berkowitz) and seconded (R. Forst) the Committee voted to (re)appoint R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner to serve as CPC Administrator and authorized the use of CPA funds (Expenses) in the amount of \$3,000.00 as compensation (stipend) through to June 30, 2021. Motion was carried unanimously (roll-call vote).*

Annual Reporting (CP-3 Project Report)

G. Bechtholdt informed the Committee, Neil Vaidya (Town Accountant) is aware of the Annual Report (CP-3 Project Report) filing requirements, noting accordingly, Northbridge is not required to file a report at this time, as no projects have been funded with CPA. Mr. Vaidya has been in contact with the Community Preservation Coalition regarding and confirming same.

Scheduling of Next Meeting

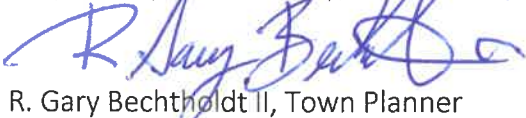
Committee scheduled its next meeting for Monday, October 05, 2020 (6:30 PM -via ZOOM) and a joint-meeting (public informational workshop) with the Planning Board for Tuesday, October 13, 2020 (7:00 PM - via ZOOM).

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

*Upon motion duly made (H. Berkowitz) and seconded (B. McNamee) the Committee adjourned its meeting of September 14, 2020 at 7:10 PM. Roll-call vote (unanimous).*

[Prepared by John O'Brien, Clerk]

Respectfully submitted by,



R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner

Cc: Town Clerk

Date approved:

10/05/2020