

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE****MEETING MINUTES****Monday, October 05, 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, Rainer Forst, Michael Proto, and Harry Berkowitz in attendance (roll-call attendance). Brian Paulus & Barbara McNamee were absent, with two (2) vacancies (Northridge Historic Commission representative and Member at-large). R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner was also present.

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES****September 14, 2020**

*Motion was made (M. Proto) and seconded (R. Forst) to approve the September 14, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion was carried unanimously (roll-call vote).*

**III. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN (DRAFT)**

Committee members acknowledged receipt of draft Community Preservation Plan updated by G. Bechtholdt. Mr. Bechtholdt asked if each representative could present same to their boards/committees for comment and input of proposed goals for community housing; historic resources; open space & recreational use.

G. Bechtholdt reminded committee members of the scheduled public informational workshop with the Planning Board to be held October 13, 2020 at 7:00 PM (via ZOOM), noting again the original date/time was postponed due to the State of Emergency issued (COVID-19).

G. King thanked G. Bechtholdt for working on the draft plan and recognized the Blackstone Valley Tribune frontpage article (Friday, September 25, 2020) on the Community Preservation Act within Northbridge, announcing the public informational meeting, at-large vacancy, and seeking public comment on the preparation of the Community Preservation Plan.

G. King encouraged members to report back to their individual boards and committees to seek input on the draft thus far. G. Bechtholdt recommended in addition to including an overview on the CPA and goals for the funding of future projects, the plan should include review criteria, submittal process, etc. Committee members agreed.

G. Bechtholdt suggested Committee should look to review goals at its next scheduled meeting and then look to formalize submittal process, timing of applications and review criteria at a subsequent meeting. G. Bechtholdt proposed the Committee may be ready to formally adopt (public hearing) the Community Preservation Plan in December 2020.

G. Bechtholdt explained that he posted a meeting notice with the Town Clerk for the Community Preservation Committee, in the event a quorum of the Committee attends/participates during the meeting with the Planning Board (October 13, 2020).

#### IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

##### School Committee & Historic Commission Representatives

Brian Paulus was reappointed by the School Committee to serve on the Community Preservation Committee. A representative still needs to be identified for the Historic Commission. G. King to meet with the Northbridge Historic Commission in the coming weeks to review CPA, the draft CP Plan and appointment of member to the CPC.

##### Scheduling of Next Meeting

Committee scheduled its next meeting for Monday, November 02, 2020 (6:30 PM -via ZOOM).

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

*Upon motion duly made (H. Berkowitz) and seconded (M. Proto) the Committee adjourned its meeting of October 05, 2020 at 6:30 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:

