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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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## MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 02, 2022

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*Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote means. Members of the public who wish to access the meeting may do so via ZOOM. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted and public participation in any public hearing conducted during this meeting shall be remote means only.*

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

## Roll-Call Attendance

Roll-Call Attendance, Recognizing the presence of a quorum Glenn King, Chair called the meeting to order (via ZOOM) at 6:30 PM; Erin Donahue, Barbara McNamee, and Michael Proto were in attendance with Lenny Smith, Harry Berkowitz, Rainer Forst absent (two vacancies remain) R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner/CPC Admin, was also present. Michael and Annika Bangma, Northbridge citizens, attended.

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

April 04, 2022

*Upon motion duly made (M. Proto) and seconded (B. McNamee), the Community Preservation Committee voted to accept the meeting minutes of April 04, 2022; the vote was unanimous.*

**III. CASTLE HILL FARM**

## Ongoing Discussions/Status

G King shared that a private individual is continuing discussion with the current landowner regarding the potential purchase of the property, who may in turn offer to the town portion of property as open space.

**IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**Correspondence & Communications

Mike Bangma brought up the importance of access to open space and recreation land/areas. Need parking space in addition to walking paths. Castle Hill will need it, and any new pieces of open space/recreation land designated as such. Annika Bangma mentioned she might want to join CPC; G Bechtholdt mentioned filling out the Talent Bank Form and submitting to the Town Manager's Office. B McNamee suggested Annika consider the Open Space Implementation Committee once the Open Space & Recreation Plan update is completed. G Bechtholdt informed CPC members that Annika Bangma played an important role in Northbridge ultimately adopting the Community Preservation Act (CPA), as A Bangma along with Jack Crawford lead a grassroots effort in support of local adoption.

2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting -Tuesday, May 03, 2022

Articles #10, #11, and #12 (as recommended at the March 07, 2022 CPC meeting) have been supported by the Finance Committee and shall be presented to Voters at the 2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting (May 03, 2022).

- Article #10 -Allocation of \$20,000.00 per focus area: Housing, Historic Preservation, Recreation, & Open Space, and \$130,000.00 for the Unreserved Account
- Article #11 - \$10,000.00 for administrative services
- Article #12 - distribution of \$150,000.00 CPA Funds for Linwood Basketball Court Improvements

After adding the new CPA Fund money (FY23), each focus area will have approximately \$97,000.00 and the unreserved account will have approximately \$580,000.00

2022 SATM -Vote/Recommend Warrant Articles

G King shall offer motions and report/recommendations of the CPC at the Spring Annual Town Meeting; draft report/recommendations provided to CPC members.

Community Preservation Plan -Update (2022)

In 2022 the Committee shall review the 2021 Community Preservation Plan for possible revisions.

Vacancy -Local Housing Authority & Member at-Large

CPC currently has two openings, one Housing Authority Rep and one Open Rep to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen

Future Agenda Item(s)

Remote meetings will continue through July as permitted by Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021

Scheduling of Next Meeting

Next meeting June 06, 2022, at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

**VI. ADJOURN MEETING**

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

[Prepared in cooperation with Glenn King, Chair]

Respectfully submitted by,

R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner/CPC Admin

Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Cc: Town Clerk