
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 09, 2023

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Roll-Call Attendance

Roll-Call Attendance; recognizing presence of quorum Glenn King, Chair called meeting to order at 6:30 PM; Barbara McNamee, Michael Proto, Jill Leonard, and Harry Berkowitz were in attendance. R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner/CPC Admin was also present; with Rainer Forst absent (& 3 vacancies).

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

November 07, 2022 & October 17, 2022

Upon motion duly made (H Berkowitz) and seconded (B McNamee) the Committee approved meeting minutes for October 17, 2022 and November 07, 2022.

III. 2022 FATM -ARTICLE #3, CASTLE HILL FARM PROPERTY (LAND ACQUISITION)

Status of Borrowing, Conservation Restriction, etc.

G King, Chair explained he along with Town Planner met with Town Manager, Town Accountant, Town Treasurer, Conservation Agent, and Town Counsel to review with Property Owner and Attorney, timeline for securing terms of borrowing, anticipated date of closing (end of April 2023) and status of a baseline study being prepared by David Pickart, Conservation Agent as part of the Conservation Restriction Agreement to be placed on the property. G King indicated the group will look to meet again next month for updates.

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESSCorrespondence & Communications

G Bechtholdt explained that he prepared and shared a draft of the CPC 2022 Annual Report with G King, Chair and will submit the report on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee.

Vacancy (3) -Local Housing Authority, Historical Commission & Member at-Large

G King explained that he has reached out to the local Housing Authority, where in response, appears there is no interest of sitting members to be a representative on the Community Preservation Committee. G King noted that he informed the Housing Authority Chair of the money sitting in the CPA fund specifically for housing, suggesting it would be a great opportunity for the Housing Authority to identify local housing initiatives that would potentially have an available funding source. G King suggested once the Historical Commission meets again, they will likely appoint a representative to the Committee.

CPA Fund Balances

G King reviewed with Committee fund balances he was able to pull from the Community Preservation Coalition: \$551,767 (Undesignated); \$96,784 (Historic Resources); \$96,784 (Community Housing); and \$23,784 (Open Space & Recreation). Neil Vaidya, Town Accountant is to provide CPD Fund balance sheets for the next scheduled meeting (February 06, 2023).

Scheduling of Next Meeting(s)

Next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 06, 2023 (6:30PM -via ZOOM).

Open Meeting Law -Remote Participation (Expires March 31, 2023)

Point of information -no discussion.

Future Agenda Items

Linwood Playground Basketball Improvements (CPA Funds) and Community Preservation Plan update.

V. ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting adjourned at or about 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner/CPC Admin

Date approved: _____

Cc: Town Clerk