



NORTHBRIDGE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 02, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Glenn King (Chair), Harry Berkowitz (Vice Chair) (Arrived at 6:39pm), Michael Wilkes (Clerk), Barbara McNamee, Jill Leonard, Christine Johnson, and Karen Rogers

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing the presence of a quorum, at 6:32 PM, G King (Chair) called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

C Johnson made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes of September 11, 2023, seconded by B McNamee, and the motion passed unanimously.

LINWOOD BASKETBALL COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Linwood Basketball Court project has progressed significantly. The hoops are now installed, and the courts are ready for use. It was discussed that efforts will be made to communicate with the Playground and Recreation departments to seek reimbursement for the project. Additionally, there is a plan to host a spring gathering or game at the newly renovated courts.

CASTLE HILL FARM CONSERVATION LAND

A dedication ceremony for Castle Hill Farm Conservation Land took place on September 22, 2023. B McNamee attended the ceremony and reported that it was a very nice event, highlighting the successful conservation of this valuable land.

FY25 PROJECT APPLICATION(S) - DUE OCTOBER 01

As of the meeting date, there were no official project applications received for FY25. However, it was noted that pre-project approvals had been granted. G Bechtholdt informed the committee that letters have been sent to potential applicants, and C Johnson will be meeting with the Historic Society to assist applicants in moving their proposals forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

G Bechtholdt informed the committee that letters have been sent out to applicants regarding the committee's decisions on pre-project approvals. Additionally, the committee's annual dues to The Coalition have been processed, ensuring that the organization remains up to date with its obligations.

VACANCY

The Housing Authority is actively seeking a representative to join the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Efforts are underway to fill this important position.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN - CPA FUNDING APPLICATION PROCESS (PP. 20-28)

Members were reminded to review pages 20-28 of the Community Preservation Plan, which contain information pertinent to the disbursement of funds.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for November 6th, 2023 at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

H Berkowitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by B McNamee, and the motion passed unanimously.

Prepared by: Michael J. Wilkes, Clerk

Submitted by:

R. Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner/CPC Admin

Dated Approved: _____