

Minutes
Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
March 08, 2018
Acton Memorial Library

Members Present: Bill Alesbury (Vice-Chair), Tory Beyer, Dean Charter, Amy Green, Greg Johnson (Associate), Carolyn Kirkpatrick (Associate), Nancy Kolb, Joe Will (Clerk), Ray Yacouby

Others Present: Robert Hummel (Acton Assistant Planner), Susan Mitchell-Hardt (Acton Conservation Trust President)

Bill opened the meeting at 7:32 PM.

I. Citizen Concerns

- Susan voiced concern that the draft of Warrant Article 2, Item K, “Support of Open Space Acquisitions” did not make it clear that the Town’s Open Space Acquisition and Preservation account could be used for post-purchase Conservation Restriction (CR) expenses, as is allowed by CPA legislation. That a CPA-funded land acquisition must be protected by a CR is a CPA requirement, and land trusts simply do not have funds to do this. She feels that there should be language in Item K that spells out this use of CPA funds, pointing out that in the past the account had not been used for that, so not saying something in this item “creates ambiguity.” Making the warrant article specific to this point would also be helpful for the new Town Manager (due to be “on board” by June) as well.

II. Minutes of February 22, 2018

- It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

III. Finalize Draft Warrant Article

- The draft included updated \$ amounts from the previous CPC meeting as well as a small change in certain \$ amounts based on information that Roland Bartl had provided the Committee in a March 8 email, to wit, the State trust fund distribution to Acton was \$6 less than the amount at the previous CPC meeting.

Who reviews the \$ amounts shown to the CPC? Roland Bartl does, and has been doing so for many, many years. The \$6 difference was caught by the Town Accountant.

The Committee reviewed the draft and Robert recorded the suggested changes. Susan helped with the wording for Item K (see Part I above).

It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the warrant article as adjusted by the Committee.

IV. Preparation of TM Presentation

- The Committee reviewed the draft of the PowerPoint presentation and Robert recorded the suggested changes. The Acton Housing Authority will try to provide an appropriate photo for Item E (the McCarthy Village project), and Susan's concerns (see Part I above) were incorporated into Item K. The presentation has to be finalized by the time of the Town's Pre-Town Meeting Meeting.

It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the presentation as adjusted by the Committee.

V. Administrative Updates

- Robert pointed out that Roland Bartl has invited folks interested in a CPA project proposal for the building at 140 Main Street (the former Unitarian church) to the 05/10/18 CPC meeting.

8:52 PM — It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Next scheduled meeting: 03/22