

TOWN OF ACTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2020

8:00 PM

ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 486 MAIN STREET, ACTON

Present: Dean Charter (Clerk), Tory Beyer, Nancy Kolb, Steve Trimble, Amy Green, Carolyn Kilpatrick, Alissa Nicol (Associate) Bill Alesbury, Walter Foster, Jim Snyder-Grant (Associate) Ray Yacouby (joined meeting at 9:30),

Absent:

Others Present: Robert Hummel (Planning), Bettina Abe (Natural Resources) Tom Farley (Finance Committee) Tom Michelman (Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail)

Acting Chair Beyer opened the meeting at 8:02 PM

I. Regular Business

1. **Citizens' Concerns** – Tom Farley, Finance Committee requested that representatives of the CPC attend an upcoming Finance Committee meeting.
2. **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes**- The meeting minutes from the 1/14/20 CPC meeting were reviewed and approved. Green moved to approve, seconded by Foster , approved unanimously

II. New /Special Business

3. Project hearing and review

East Acton Village Green– Bettina Abe (Natural Resources) presented the proposal this had been put on hold awaiting the completion of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT). \$49,000 request. Area will be used by bike way users and neighbors. Connects to Morrison farm and Ice House Pond. Question about wide range of cost estimates. Tom Michelman noted that BFRT would be interested in donating money early to keep the project on track. Charter noted that many of the trees that are to be removed are invasive species (Black Locust). Charter noted that existing telegraph pole is over 100 years old, made of Chestnut, and should be retained. Question if the Town will donate in kind services. Abe noted that she could not promise in kind services due to prior commitments. Abe noted that she would submit a revised application showing the in-kind services that will be provided by the town (including past efforts developing the plans).

4. **Review of Town Counsel memo regarding projects.** 53 River Street cannot be a Historic Preservation project, but could be a Recreation project. It was noted that it would be better to have a memo that is very clear what is applicable. The new Town Counsel memo should be in previous format (highlighted at Red (no), Yellow (judgement call), or Green (yes). Discussion of the priority of historic preservation as opposed to recreation. General sense that some historic elements should be preserved, even if this is not a “Historic Resources” project.
5. **Preliminary scoring of projects:** General free ranging discussion of priorities for projects. Comments made by numerous members, no focused discussion, no votes taken or attempt at consensus.
6. **Administrative Matters and Updates:** Revised recapture memo dated 1/21/20 was reviewed Foster moved to accept revised recapture memo, seconded by Green, approved unanimously. Scoring spreadsheet will be sent out for each member to enter preliminary numbers and to be returned prior to Tuesday’s meeting

III. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 PM by, Yacouby second by Foster, approved unanimously

Next meeting to be held Tuesday, January 28 7:30 AML

IV. **Documents and exhibits used during this meeting**

Community Preservation Committee Agenda for January 21, 2020

Draft Community Preservation Committee Minutes for January 14, 2020

Community Preservation Fund Application Schedule for 2020

Project Application power point for East Acton Village Green

Letter of support for East Acton Village Green from Acton Historical Society

Memorandum from Anderson Kreiger dated 1/2/20 regarding 53 River Street project

Recapture memo dated 1/21/20

CPA Project scoring spreadsheet