



Community Preservation Committee Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

7:30 PM

Room 9 in Acton Town Hall, 472 Main Street & Virtual

Present: Tory Beyer, Jon Cappetta, Dean Charter (Chair), James Colman, Lori Cooney, Walter Foster (Vice Chair), Jaclyn Saltzman, Steve Trimble (Clerk)

Absent: Peter Berry, Michelle Ellicks

Others Present: Kristen Guichard, Planning

The chair opened the meeting at 7:31 PM

I Regular Business

1. Residents' Concerns

None raised.

2. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (did not send out April 23rd)

- a. April 23rd Minutes: Tori motioned to approve seconded by Lori. Minutes passed unanimously on clerk roll call.
- b. May 28th Minutes: Tori motioned to approve seconded by Jon. Minutes passed unanimously on clerk roll call.

II. New /Special Business

3. Election of Officers

- i. Chair - Jim, Dean and Walter were nominated and all accepted.
 - i. Walter: Walter received votes from Tori & Walter
 - ii. Dean: received a vote from Lori
 - iii. Jim: received a vote from Jon, Dean, Jim, and Steve. Jim is the new CPC Chair.
- b. Vice Chair – Walter nominated Steve who will be the new CPC Vice Chair
- c. Clerk – Lori was nominated and is the new CPC Clerk.

4. Update on Wetherbee Street property

- i. Dean updated the Committee Town on the recent property discussions. The Town counsel is in discussion with the Wetherbee property owners, and it was presented at a recent Select Board (SB) Executive session. The SB approved applying for a \$500k grant from the Land and Natural Diversity Fund to underwrite the acquisition costs but it would require a Town Meeting(TM) in the Fall. Otherwise, additional grants will be available in the Spring of 2025. The ConsComm approved the removal of towers and other debris from the property. Dean expects this at the May 2025

Town Meeting. The town expects this thirty-two-acre property acquisition to be expensive. Jim asked the timing of the current state grant. Kristen stated the letters are due by Thursday with an answer in December which would require a TM by November to be eligible.

III. Administrative Updates and Scheduling

- I. The CPA Plan will follow the usual process of getting updated during the summer. Representatives should plan to review with their stakeholders when it is sent out from Planning (e.g., Tori with Historical section.).

5. Next Meeting Dates

- a. July 23rd & Aug 13 – Steve motioned to cancel these two meetings with Lori seconding. The motion passed unanimously on the clerk roll call.
- b. August 27 – Review of Annual CPA Plan
- c. September 10 - placeholder
- d. September 24 – Public Hearing Annual CPA Plan

Jim would like to review, make some changes, and send out the 2024 CPC Warrant draft for comment if he can find meaningful ways to reduce the length. Walter cautioned that two or more people cannot meet to make substantive changes. Dean said Jim could create a subcommittee which will require meeting notices, minutes, and open meetings.

Adjourn – Lori motioned to adjourn with Jon seconding by Cooney at 8:19 PM. The meeting adjourned by unanimous roll call consent.

Documents and exhibits used during this meeting:

1. CPC agenda 2024-07-09.pdf
2. CPC minutes 04.23.24.pdf
3. CPC minutes 05.28.24.pdf

Additional materials can be found here: <https://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-17716>. For more information about community Preservation Committee contact cpc@actonma.gov or 978-929-6631.