

**Deerfield Community Preservation Committee**  
**February 23, 2010**  
**Minutes – Approved 3/17/10**

**Meeting convened in Deerfield Town Hall at 6:00 P.M.**

**Members Present:** Rick Andriole, Steve Barrett, Karen Herold - Chair, Bruce Hunter, Bruce St. Peters – Financial Liaison, Bob Underhill

**Members Absent:** Liam O'Brien – Vice Chair, Roger Sadoski

**Others Present:** Marilyn McArthur, Henrietta Kocot, Andrea Krawczyk, Jane Trigere, Tom Clark, Jeff Upton, Bob Decker, Steve Pristach, Jon Lowe, Mr. Sprang, Carol Gritz, Rosemary Denton, Matt Russo, Gordon Oakes, Pam Oakes, Sara Woodbury, Nancy Maynard

**Update on Savage and Kostiuk Agricultural Preservation Restriction Applications**

Mr. Underhill explained that the Franklin Land Trust cannot provide a specific budget request for its two APR applications, because of delays at the state level. The applications will be eligible for review at the next Special or Annual Town Meeting.

**Resignation of CPC Representative from Historical Commission**

There was discussion of the resignation of Ms. Lipp and reflections on her good work on behalf of the CPC.

**Town Clock Restoration**

There was discussion of the clock restoration project for which a complete application and additional information requested by the CPC were not received.

**Motion:** Mr. St. Peters moved that the town clock restoration application is not eligible at this time until more information is submitted. Motion passed: 5-1-0.

**Public Hearing convened at 7:00 P.M.**

Ms. Herold opened the Public Hearing by reading the published notice. The purpose of the hearing was to present three applications that were eligible for Community Preservation Funds for public input and to present plans for and solicit input on a Deerfield Preservation Plan.

*Preservation Plan*

Ms. Herold distributed the Executive Summary of a Preservation Plan that was prepared by the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1991 and a brief survey and reported that the CPC wishes to update the plan with input from Deerfield residents. Ms. Herold reported that the Town of Deerfield website ([www.deerfieldma](http://www.deerfieldma)) will be used to post information about the CPC and to solicit input for the revision of the Preservation Plan.

*Sugarloaf Street Cemetery Restoration*

Members of the Deerfield Historical Commission made a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions about the proposed restoration of the Sugarloaf Street Cemetery. Discussion focused on the purpose of the proposed restoration and the need to restore other cemeteries in town. Questions were raised regarding the applicant's request for \$2000 in administrative fees and the availability of an additional cost estimate. The CPC will request additional information from the applicant on these matters.

*Tilton Library*

Ms. Woodbury, Library Director, and Ms. Maynard, Library Trustee, were present to explain the proposed restoration of the library and to answer questions. Ms. Maynard reported that the tiles roof of the library have deteriorated and need to be replaced at a projected cost of \$136,000 and the marble front steps need to be repaired at a cost of \$122,000. Ms. Herold requested information about a library trust fund and Ms. Maynard and Ms. Oakes reported on the source and purpose of the Tilton Fund which contains approximately \$30,000 of which \$10,000 or \$15,000 or more could be used toward these restoration projects. Ms. Woodbury reported on the Dickinson Fund, the principle of which came from the closure of the Dickinson Library and the interest from which is used by vote of Town Meeting for operating costs at the Tilton Library and the school library. Ms. Maynard reported on water damage and Ms. Woodbury reported on collecting water in buckets inside the building. Mr. Hunter asked if Capital Planning had prioritized the project and would be putting an article on the Town Meeting Warrant. Ms. Woodbury reported that Capital Planning voted to support the Tilton Library projects, but there will be no funds from Capital Planning, because they use the money in their budget to pay for projects that cannot be funded with other town funds. Mr. Hunter requested clarification of the library funding request and Ms. Woodbury reported that the request is for \$136,045 for the roof and \$122,181 for the front steps. Mr. Hunter noted the application presented a request of approximately \$127,000 for the front steps.

*Municipal Records*

The applicant, Ms. Stokarski, was not present, because of family obligations. Ms. Herold reported that CP Funds are being requested to pay for the preservation of municipal documents that are fragile and require specialized treatment. There were no comments about the proposal.

**Public Comments**

Public discussion addressed the rate of the current state match, concerns about restriction of development in Deerfield, the need to preserve an historic church that was currently on the market, priorities listed in the 1991 Preservation Plan, the relative costs of farming versus residential development and appreciation for efforts to preserve open space and avoid strip malls.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Herold closed the public hearing and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 P.M.