

Community Preservation Committee  
Minutes of November 4, 2010 meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm with Steve Barrett serving as acting chair.

Present:       Stephen Barrett, Acting Chair  
                  Daniel Graves  
                  Roger Sadoski  
                  Marilyn McArthur  
                  Rachael Blain  
                  Alan Swedlund

1. Reorganize Committee

Since a full committee was not present, a motion was made, seconded, and voted to table the reorganization until the next meeting.

2. Create a Schedule for Requests for Proposals

In 2009 an informational meeting was held in October, an application meeting in December, an informational CPA meeting in February and a recommendation made at Annual Town Meeting.

The proposed schedule for 2010 is: proposals submitted by February 1, public hearing in March, and a recommendation made in April (30 days before annual town meeting). It was agreed that receipt of proposals 60 days before town meeting would give enough time for them to be reviewed. Persons submitting proposals will be encouraged to come and talk with the committee during deliberations.

Means of getting the word out that there is money available were discussed. A notice could be put in the paper. CPC meetings are public; are they televised?

3. Housekeeping

On November 17, 2010, Stuart Saginor, Director of the Community Preservation Coalition, will be here. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend what is expected to be an informative event.

4. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

5. Crowley-Perwak Proposal

A letter from Bruce St. Peters, who was unable to be present, concerning the possible conflict of interest on the part of Mr. Swedlund was distributed. Mr. St Peters also questioned the validity of the request, as several changes have been made to the original proposal.

When Mr. Barrett asked Mr. Swedlund if he had a conflict of interest due to his position as a member of the Board of Directors of the Franklin Land Trust (FLT), Swedlund said he didn't feel he had. He said he had provided a public disclosure to the Town Clerk. In a discussion of what is a conflict, part of which included having a

financial interest, Mr. Swedlund said he felt there was no financial issue, as the FLT is non-profit. But, when he mentioned that he derives his income from the FLT, this position was questioned. He agreed to recues himself.

A representative from the FLT presented an explanation of the proposed project to preserve the Perwak/Crowley property. The FLT has been working for 3 years to preserve this land from development. It has been difficult, as the owner who he referred to as Joan, has changed her mind on parcels to include (or not to include) several times. Normally, projects can be completed in one to one and a half years; this one has been in progress for three.

As it was getting late, the discussion was called to a halt with the intent of being continued at the December meeting, which will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 7: PM. It will be filmed.

A motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Priscilla Phelps