

**TOWN OF DUNSTABLE
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES SEPTEMBER 28, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Susan Psaledakis.

Present: Carol Bacon, George Basbanes, Alan Chaney, Jeff Hastings, Catherine Irzyk, Judy Larter, Susan Psaledakis, Joan Simmons.

Guests: Tracey Hutton, Town Administrator and Brian Rich, Fire Chief.

The minutes of April 28, 2016 meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by George Basbanes, seconded by Alan Chaney and unanimously approved.

Officers for 2017: Susan asked for nominations for Chairman and Secretary. Susan was asked to remain as Chairman and Catherine was asked to remain as Secretary. Both accepted the positions. A motion was made by Judy to accept Susan as Chairman and Catherine as Secretary for 2017 and was seconded by Alan. The motion passed unanimously.

Notices received:

Susan reviewed an email entitled "**Lawsuit targets Acton for spending CPA funds for churches**". A group concerned with separation of church and state questioned the legality of the CPA committee providing funds requested for the church. CPA actions were upheld by the judge. No further discussion or action taken.

Susan brought to our attention an email forwarded by Joan Simmons regarding a proposal by the Groton Dunstable At Play group to replace a playing field with synthetic turf. Jeff stated the cost could be 1 million to 1.3 million and would need to be replaced in 8 to 10 years. The money would be raised by donations, fund raising and possibly a request for CPA funds. No action was necessary by this committee at this time.

Public Safety Building Building Committee: The committee is reviewing appropriate locations for a combined fire and police station to be built. There are 3 areas in Dunstable being considered. There will be a presentation by the committee to the Board of Selectman in the near future. No action taken by the CPC committee.

Parks and Recreation: The group is considering the need for a new baseball field. A brief discussion regarding whether the open field on Groton Street abutting the Larter field could be used. Alan Chaney stated the wishes of Margaret Larter when she donated the property was she hoped the field would remain as a field for aesthetic reasons. Judy Larter also stated Mrs Larter felt strongly the field should not be used but left open. Parks and Recreation is still in discussion and not making any request at this time.

Community Housing: A question was raised regarding an administrator for the trust for Affordable Housing. Tracey stated the trust is not in place yet therefore no further action at this time. The RFP for development will be written by Tracey. Once this fund is in place the CPC may be asked for funding from the Affordable Housing Reserve.

Historic Committee. The second batch of books of the updated Town of Dunstable Public Records is complete and returned to the Town Hall.

The Textile Conservation which evaluated The 3 Town Hall stage curtains in the past is now out of business. Carol is consulting with a person in Vermont as to the condition of the stage back drops and necessary repairs to put them in working condition.

The committee is in discussion regarding the 2 historic signs on route 113 as you enter the town which are in need of repair. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$600. each.

Conservation Committee: The Miller CR has been completed on the land on route 113. The Tully APR is in process and expected to be completed in the near future.

Susan reminded committee members the CP3 report can be reviewed on line.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Catherine Irzyk, Secretary.

Approved