

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
5:30 PM, Wednesday, May 4, 2016
Earle Mountain Room

Members present: Peter Wade, Jay Camp, Michael Hager, Dan Coppelman, Carolyn McPherson, Eileen Morgan

Members absent: Jim Baughman, Ed Casarella, Ed Brookshire

Staff present: Paul Lagg, Town Planner, Debbie Cohen, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

Minutes – A motion (McPherson, Coppelman) to approve the minutes of April 6, 2016, carried 5-0-1 (Morgan abstained).

Ongoing projects – Mr. Wade noted another bill had been received for the terrapin project and asked the committee to re-vote on closing out the project with its adjusted fund balance. A motion (Coppelman, Camp) to close out the terrapin cove project with the amount of \$52,017.00 to be returned to the open space reserve, carried 6-0.

The committee members briefly discussed progress on the Dill Beach Camp, library, and pond testing projects. Mr. Lagg provided updates on the Purcell bid and Tee-Time property.

Town Planner report – Mr. Lagg noted he would be working with Jacqui Beebe to develop the FY17 grant agreements. He also indicated he would find out if CPAC administrative funds could be used to purchase signs to post at CPA funded sites.

Other Business – The committee members discussed the educational goals of the Affordable Housing Trust. Mr. Hager highlighted what he believed to be the three main misunderstandings to tackle: 1) the unsustainable nature of scattered affordable single family residences, 2) who is able to qualify for and benefit from affordable housing opportunities, and 3) the nature of private-public partnerships to fund housing developments. Ms. McPherson stressed the importance of approaching the community with an educational campaign rather than waiting passively for interested people to attend town-sponsored information sessions. Ms. Morgan discussed the currently held views of the Affordable Housing Trust regarding activism. She explained that going forward, the AHT would need to take a two-pronged approach to affordable housing. On one end, a warrant article would need to pass at town meeting to change allowable uses for AHT funds. On the other end, a public relations campaign regarding affordable housing would need to be created and launched.

Adjournment – A motion (Camp, McPherson) to adjourn, carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted as prepared by Debbie Cohen

Michael Hager, Clerk