

**Community Preservation Committee (CPC)**  
**Town of Great Barrington**  
Minutes of January 16, 2014  
Great Barrington Town Hall

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**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Karen Smith.

Members present: Thomas Blauvelt, Andrew Blechman, Jessica Dezieck, Martha Fick, Kathleen Jackson, William Nappo, Deborah Salem, and Karen W. Smith.

Also present: Christopher Rembold, Town Planner.

Absent: Suzanne Fowle

**2. Administrative Business**

Dezieck moved to approve the minutes of January 2, 2014, Nappo seconded. All were in favor.

**3. Community Preservation Planning**

Rembold presented the draft Community Preservation Plan. He said the background information for each topic relied on data and input from the Master Plan. The discussions from the Committee's previous meeting on January 2 were also incorporated. The funding considerations and the application were developed based on the previous meeting's discussions.

Smith asked for comments on the draft and Funding Application. Overall the Committee felt that contact was good, but expressed concern about the timeline for the public hearing and when applications should be due.

Jackson said she thought more public input was needed in order to meet the requirements of the CPA law. Smith and other members of the Committee felt that since this Plan was based on the Master Plan which had a great deal of public participation very recently, that this process was sufficient. Jackson thought that doing just the bare minimum was not enough and the Committee should review the process. She asked that more be done to get the word out.

All agreed to review the draft plan and reconsider the process and rethink the timeline later in the meeting.

The Committee reviewed each section of the draft plan and made many content and editorial suggestions throughout. In general, the Committee felt some of the content, which was written for the Master Plan, was not applicable here. For example, calling for new zoning regulations for two-family housing was not an appropriate priority of this Plan. All agreed that substantial rewriting would correct the content and the tone of the writing. Jackson agreed to help Rembold rewrite.

Smith had to leave the meeting but asked that the discussion continue without her.

Since the Committee had not yet designated a Vice Chair to take over in this instance, Blauvelt nominated Dezieck, Blechman seconded, all were in favor. Dezieck is now the Vice Chair.

On the draft application, Fick asked that the eligibility chart be expanded to include descriptive content. All agreed. All agreed that the application should state that successful projects will enter into a contract.

Rembold and Jackson will collaborate and send a new draft to the Committee for the next meeting.

**4. Reports from Committee Members**

Blechman said the Selectmen and Finance Committee seem a bit perplexed by the CPA process. There is pressure on the CPA to have funding available, and the boards also seem to expect that certain projects will receive funding. He said he has explained that all projects need to apply to the CPC for funding and then be approved by Town Meeting. There were no other reports from the members.

**5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 30 at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station on State Road.

**6. Adjourn**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christy Rumbold", is written over a horizontal line.

Materials presented or distributed for this meeting:

- Draft Minutes of January 2, 2014 meeting
- Draft Community Preservation Plan and Application
- Proposed 2014 Timeline