

Great Barrington Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

Minutes of November 7, 2013
Great Barrington Fire Station

1. Call to Order

The first meeting of the CPC was called to order at 7:00 PM by Town Planner Chris Rembold.

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

Members introduced themselves.

2. Purpose and Duties

Rembold reviewed the CPC bylaw and CPA legislation. The committee briefly discussed the types of projects that can be funded, the amount of funds that may be collected, and what percentage of the funds must be spent or allocated each year.

3. Administrative Business

Rembold indicated that five members must be present to take action. He reminded members of the open meeting meetings law and its requirements.

Rembold volunteered to record meetings, take minutes, and ensure agendas were property posted.

Rembold asked for volunteers to be Chair. He indicated the chair helps guide the committee's business, ensures everyone gets a chance to participate, ensures motions and votes are clear, and also sets the agenda for the committee. Smith said she has plenty of time and would be willing.


VOTE: Salem nominated that Karen Smith for CPC Chair. Dezieck seconded. All were in favor.

The committee briefly discussed meeting structure, and should there be a new business / old business framework, would there be a specific item for citizen speak, and so on. Smith said she would refine this with Rembold for the next meeting.

The next meeting will consist of a two hour training session conducted by a staff member from the statewide Community Preservation Coalition. Prior to the meeting, Rembold will send around sample materials like from other towns that already use the CPA.

The committee decided its next meeting would be Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 at the Fire Station. An alternate date of December 16 at 7:00 was established.

Hearing no further business, the CPC adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted: 

Materials presented or distributed for this meeting:

- Great Barrington CPC Bylaw
- CPA legislation (MGL Ch. 44B)
- Chart of allowable spending purposes for CPA funds