Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

Town of Great Barrington

Minutes of February 20, 2014

Great Barrington Fire Station, 37 State Road

1. Call to Order

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

Members present: Andrew Blechman, Jessica Dezieck, Martha Fick, Kathleen Jackson, William Nappo, Deborah Salem, and Karen W. Smith. Also present: Christopher Rembold, Town Planner.

Absent: Thomas Blauvelt, Suzanne Fowle

2. Administrative Business

Dezieck moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2014. Fick seconded. All were in favor.

3. Community Preservation Plan

Smith guided Committee members through the latest draft plan, which incorporated the changes made at the January 30 meeting as well as Fowle's comments since that time. The Committee made a number of changes and comments throughout. Rembold will revise the draft and send it before the next meeting.

Rembold will send a new two-step application for review at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed holding the Public Hearing on the Plan in mid-May, and having applications for FY16 funds due in the fall of 2014.

Rembold will send an updated calendar for review at the next meeting.

4. Outreach

The Committee decided it would conduct public relations and outreach prior to Town Meeting 2014, so that attendees would understand the warrant articles presented to reserve CPA funds. The Committee discussed having a table in the lobby at Town Meeting. Rembold advised against, saying the space is too limited.

The Committee agree to use newspaper and radio spots to get information out prior to Town Meeting. Smith and Dezieck will gather materials from previous CPA campaigns. Handouts would work better. Jackson, Smith, and Blechman volunteered to do a radio program. Rembold will write draft newspaper articles.

Strategies will be finalized at the March meeting so the process can begin in April.

5. Reports from Committee Members

There were no current reports from the members.

6. Next Meeting

Respectfully submitted:

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 20 at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station on State Road.

7. Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Materials presented or distributed for this meeting:

- Draft Minutes of January 30, 2014 meeting
- Revised Draft Community Preservation Plan
- Revised CPA FY16 timeline