

Town of Great Barrington Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

Minutes of April 14, 2015

Great Barrington Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Karen W. Smith.

Members present: Ed Abrahams, Thomas Blauvelt, Jessica Dezieck, Kathleen Jackson, William Nappo, Deborah Salem, and Karen W. Smith. Members absent: Martha Fick, Suzanne Fowle
Also present: Town Planner Chris Rembold

Administrative Business

Abrahams moved to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2015. Blauvelt seconded. All were in favor.

Salem asked who would be the CPA Administrator. Smith said the Town Manager will appoint and oversee the Administrator.

Jackson asked about the status of the CPA grant agreement. Rembold said the Committee could review a draft in May or June after Town Meeting, but before approved projects begin in July.

Town Meeting Preparation

Rembold said the Town Meeting warrant has been completed and there are two CPA related articles. The first is the administrative article and the second is for appropriations to the 9 recommended projects. The CPC report has been printed to be included in the warrant. All attendees at Town Meeting will have a copy of the warrant and the CPC report.

Alexandra Lincoln from St. James Place discussed the details of the April 25 event. The public is invited. Press outreach is being completed including radio, newspaper, shopper's guide calendar, and other media outlets and online bulletin boards.

At Town Meeting, Smith or Rembold will deliver the two CPA warrant articles and make a brief presentation. Project representatives will have permission to speak.

CPA Legislative Update

Dezieck made a motion to support the draft letters Senator Downing and Rep. Pignatelli regarding the need to support the State CPA Trust Fund. Abrahams seconded. All were in favor.

Schedule

The Committee said it would discuss the coming year's application and funding schedule. Abrahams wondered whether we could get comments from potential applicants as to what a reasonable timeline is. Rembold said after the Committee drafted a schedule he would send it out to potential applicants and ask for their input.

Abrahams moved to have Rembold reach out to potential applicants to solicit their input. Blauvelt seconded. All were in favor.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 19 at 5:30 PM.

Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Materials presented or distributed for this meeting:

- Draft Minutes of March 19
- Draft letter to representatives re: CPA Trust Fund

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher E. Smith", written over a horizontal line.