

Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Town of Great Barrington
Minutes of April 22, 2014
Great Barrington Fire Station

Call to Order

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

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

Absent: Andrew Blechman,

Administrative Business

Dezieck moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2014. Blauvelt seconded. All were in favor.

CPA Application

The Committee began with a review of the latest draft of the two-step application. Members discussed when application forms should be made available and when they would be due. It was agreed that they will be available early September and step 1 would be due October 1. Step 2 applications would be invited in mid-October.

The Committee discussed whether applicants should be at the meetings when the Committee reviews Step 1 applications for eligibility. It was agreed that they should be present.

There were typos and small edits made throughout the application.

Dezieck moved to approve the 2-step application with revisions made April 22. Nappo seconded. All were in favor.

Community Preservation Plan

Smith guided Committee members through the latest draft plan, which incorporated the changes made at the March 20 meeting. The Committee made a number of small edits throughout. Nappo asked about leveraging, and how the committee would review an application where CPA funds were needed in order to apply for other funds. Smith agreed that might happen, but each case should be considered on its own. Jackson noted that in some cases the Committee might require a contract where CPA funds are not released until leverage funds are received.

Smith asked for a motion to accept the draft as edited tonight and publish it for public review. Dezieck moved, Jackson seconded. All were in favor.

The Committee set the public hearing date for Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 6pm at the Fire Station.

The Committee reviewed the two-part application and made some typo and grammatical corrections. The revised application will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

Town Meeting Preparation

The Committee discussed the flyer to be handed out at town meeting. The information on the three drafts was consolidated into one one-page document. There will one picture representing each of the CPA areas. The text was simplified and edited down into less dense format.

Salem, Nappo, Fick, and Dezieck volunteered to hand them out at town meeting.

Reports from Committee Members

There were no current reports from the members.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the public hearing on May 15 at 6:00 PM at the Fire Station.

Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Rumbold". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "C" at the beginning and a large "R" at the end.

Materials presented or distributed for this meeting:

- Minutes from March 20 meeting
- Community Preservation Plan draft
- Application
- Calendar for 2015-2016
- Draft handouts for Town Meeting