

Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Town of Great Barrington
Minutes of November 26, 2013
Great Barrington Fire Station

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Karen Smith.

Members present: Andrew Blechman, Thomas Blauvelt, Jessica Dezieck, Martha Fick, Suzanne Fowle, Kathleen Jackson, William Nappo (arrived at 8:00), Deborah Salem, and Karen W. Smith. Also present: Christopher Rembold, Town Planner.

Smith welcomed Fick and Jackson to the Committee.

2. Administrative Business

Fowle moved to approve the minutes of November 7 as presented, Dezieck seconded. All were in favor.

3. Tutorial / Training

Smith welcomed Stuart Saginor, Director of the Community Preservation Coalition.

Saginor gave a 34-slide presentation: "Implementing the Community Preservation Act."

Topics and discussion included:

- Background about the Coalition and the CPA;
- Initial tasks and ongoing tasks for the Committee including writing the Community Preservation Plan and holding the annual public hearing;
- Budgeting procedures and requirements, including estimating local CPA funds, state CPA distributions, and borrowing against local CPA funds;
- Determining project eligibility;
- Making funding recommendations to Town Meeting;
- Samples of housing, conservation, and historic preservation projects from around the state.

4. Reports from Committee Members

Smith asked members to be active liaisons with the respective boards. Members should bring issues from their boards to the Committee, and vice versa. This will be a regular agenda item.

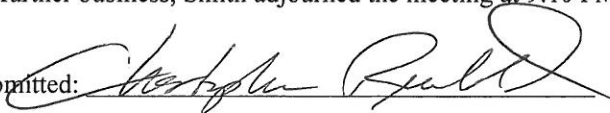
5. Next Meeting

The committee decided its next meeting will be Monday, December 9, at 6:00 PM at Town Hall.

6. Adjourn

Hearing no further business, Smith adjourned the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Materials presented or distributed for this meeting:

- Draft Minutes of November 7, 2013 meeting
- PowerPoint Presentation from Community Preservation Coalition
- Chart of allowable spending purposes for CPA funds, from Mass DOR
- Chart of Qualifying Historic Projects for CPA funding, from CPC
- Master Plan volume 1
- Open Meeting Law materials