

Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of Meeting
April 20, 2011
Hildreth House

Members present: Charlie Gorss, Don Boyce, Chris Cutler, Deb Thomson, Debbie Ricci, Steve Rowse, Jon Lee

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Minutes of April 2, 2011 were approved..

Members discussed seeking an increase in the CPC surcharge to 3%. Steve noted there was discussion of this and interest expressed at the recent All Boards meeting. Don said that he hadn't yet invited the Board of Selectmen and the Financial Committee to discuss the issue. Debbie said that we should invited BOS and FinCom members first before bringing in other groups. It was agreed that Don would invite them to our next meeting on May 18th. Steve noted that there is a required 45 day hiatus between an ATM vote and a ballot vote on the surcharge increase. Members further discussed potential for bonding CPA funds and coordinating timing of the surcharge increase with Article 17 activities. If the surcharge increase is approved it will take effect on the August 2012 tax bill.

Members reviewed the draft of job description for CPC Board liaison.

Members reviewed the CPC meeting and activity calendar for the next year.

Steve reported that some grantees were behind in their updates to the CPC. Steve said that he would send out notices asking for updates to be current.

Members discussed election of officers for the coming year but decided to wait until all members were present.

Don said that the Conservation Trust would be invited to our next meeting to update us on Great Elms and the Inn. Steve asked that the Housing Trust be invited as well.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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