



# TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Community Preservation Committee

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## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - JANUARY 25, 2007

7:00 p.m. - Conference Room B, Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Campbell, Chairman  
Andrew Clark  
Christopher Kellogg  
Robert Rosenberg  
Thomas Sartori  
Arlene Marshall  
Joan Clowes  
Jane Fletcher  
Todd Helwig  
Kathy Joubert, Town Planner

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The minutes from the January 4, 2007 meeting were approved as amended.

Normand Corbin, Historical Society, was on hand to answer a few questions the Committee had regarding the requests made at January 4, 2007 meeting. All questions and answers are attached to minutes. Mr. Corbin also reported that they received one response to RFP for survey. A number of firms are already involved with surveys across state. This particular firm is being interviewed on January 31, 2007. Chris Kellogg pointed out that grant money might not be available until the survey is 100% complete.

The presentations began.

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NAME OF PROJECT: Northborough Trails Committee

NAME OF APPLICANT: Charlie Bradley

CPA CATEGORY: Open Space/Recreation

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1400 Outback Mower/\$500 Interpretive Trail Audio Equipment

At present the Trails Committee has been borrowing the mower from the Birchwood Community. Having their own mower would be easy to use in conjunction with the brush cutter they bought last year. The audio equipment would be used to download onto a personally owned MP3 player or checking purchased equipment out of the library. Everyone was looking forward to the first "podcast".

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NAME OF PROJECT: Haitsma Property Acquisition & Preservation Plan

NAME OF APPLICANT: John Campbell

CPA CATEGORY: Open Space

AMOUNT REQUESTED: To Be Determined

Beth Ewy, Open Space Committee, withdrew the Open Space Committee application based on the ruling from the Mass. DOR that CPA revenues cannot be used to transfer property between Town entities. In lieu of this withdrawal the Open Space Committee would like to recommend banking \$460,00 to the Open Space Reserve. The Committee is anticipating land becoming available in the Mount Pisgah Corridor. This particular area is bordered by over 100 acres of other property that has been preserved in recent years through the efforts of Town committees and citizens. This addition of \$460,000 to the current reserve of \$175,000 will give the Committee resources to leverage enough assistance from groups, such as Sudbury Valley Trustees, to allow them to pursue conservation restrictions on these properties. The Committee also felt that the response of residents to the initial survey distributed by Community Preservation Committee was very supportive of maintaining open space. This area would also allow the continuation of certain trail areas. Andy Clark asked whether the CPC was allowed to act on a "recommendation" or on specific applications that met the deadline. Kathy Joubert pointed out that the CPC would not be going against any type of charter rule. Ultimately, the decision is made at Town Meeting.

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NAME OF PROJECT: Fidrych Farm

NAME OF APPLICANT: Dan Clark

CPA CATEGORY: Open Space/Recreation

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1,500,000

Mr. Clark heard through the 2006 Town Meeting that Mr. Fidrych wanted to change the zoning of his property for Senior Housing. This re-zoning motion was passed over at Town Meeting. Mr. Clark wanted to set the process in motion before it became developed in any other way. Mr. Clark invited Mr. Fidrych to tonight's meeting but received no response; he only spoke with him at last year's Town Meeting. Mr. Clark is a biologist with the State and feels that this property meets many of the requirements to be designated as Open Space. At this point in time the application can't be acted on because of the amount of money requested and the lack of involvement from Mr. Fidrych. John Campbell stated that this was definitely an opportunity to be looked at in the future. Mr. Clark was commended for his efforts.

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NAME OF PROJECT: Improvements & Irrigation for Athletic Fields at Melican Middle School

NAME OF APPLICANT: Northborough Baseball Assn, Northborough Soccer, and Northborough Pop Warner Football

CPA CATEGORY: Recreation

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$35,000

John O'Reilly and Sean Durkin made the presentation on behalf of the three groups. The \$35,000 represents approximately 38% of the total cost of the project. The applicants would raise the remaining \$55,000 through fundraising. Now that the High School teams are back at Algonquin for practice/games it's time to reclaim these fields and bring them up to safe conditions. These fields are very popular due to the parking lot and infrastructure available at Middle School. The Town would be responsible for the mowing. The three groups would be responsible for maintenance and bills associated with the maintenance.

Regarding the Gym Floor request made by the Recreation Director, it was requested that \$9500 be added to the amount requested (\$43,000) in case the beams below floor need to be replaced.

A motion was made to continue the Public Hearing on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Kelly  
Administrative Assistant