

Community Preservation Committee
Posted Meeting – March 2, 2011

Present: Rena Richard – Upton Housing Authority
Russell Wood – Historical Commission
Paul Carey – Planning Board
Rick Holmes – Open Space Committee
Margaret Carroll – Selectmen’s Appointee
Richard Desjardins – Selectmen’s Appointee
Frank Braney - Selectmen’s Appointee

Meeting convened – 7:30 pm.

1. Presentation by Kelly McElreath regarding Town Hall renovation project.
 - The Committee received a preliminary response from Massachusetts Historical Commission that the Committee feels was encouraging. They believe that once they proceed with schematic design and development design, it will provide them with more accurate estimates for the restoration itself.
 - Schematic development and design will cost approximately \$150,000.
 - At the end of that process they will attain approval from Massachusetts Historical Commission and that approval would likely be effective for a significant period of time.
 - The next step would then be preparation of construction documents.
 - The plan would include an increase to the availability of parking, possibly by closing Warren Street at Nelson Street.
 - Committee is requesting \$150,000 in CPA funds.
 - Motion made to hold a public hearing on the request on April 6 at 7:30 p.m. Approved unanimously.
2. Presentation by Upton Historical Commission (David Mackey and Barbara Burke).
 - Project is for restoration and archeological study of Upton Heritage Park and the stone chamber on the property.
 - Requesting \$24,500 in CPA funds (adjusted from \$25,000).
 - The Commission may be able to obtain funds through grants and donations which would offset the need for CPA funds.
 - Moved to schedule a public hearing on the request at 7:45 p.m. on April 6. Approved unanimously.

3. Discussion regarding Sweet William Farm acquisition and preservation by Mike Penko.
 - Proceeding with purchase and sale agreement
 - Mr. Desjardin requested that the proposed conservation restriction by submitted to CPC to ensure it protected against building on the West side of the property.
4. Prior meeting minutes reviewed, amended and approved unanimously.
5. Review of financial position.
 - The Town has reported anticipated tax revenues of \$309,471 in annual collections.
 - Moved to transfer \$31,000 (approximately 10%) to each of the reserve funds for Historical, Open Space and Community Housing. Approved unanimously.
6. Bill from Community Preservation Coalition of \$1,500. Approved.
7. Discussion of upcoming public hearings. Committee voted to prepare Articles for the Special Town Meeting for Upton Heritage Park.