

Community Preservation Committee
Posted Meeting – April 2, 2014

Present: Paul Carey – Planning Board
Richard Holmes – Open Space Committee
Richard Gazorian – Recreation Commission
Richard Desjardins – Selectmen’s Appointee
Russell Wood – Historical Commission
Rena Richard – Upton Housing Authority

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Prior meeting minutes approved.
2. Discussion regarding Community Preservation Fund budgeting. The Town accountant would like to alter how the CPC and the Town “budget” for CPA funds and funding is accounted for. There is no action requested at this time. Ms. Richard will get more information from the Town accountant.
3. Moved to recess meeting at 7:40 p.m. and open Public Hearing on request for tree clearing in First Cemetery. Presentation by Cathy Taylor:
 - Trees are threatening the headstones
 - DPW will assist and supervise the removal of 18 trees
 - Requesting \$20,000 in CPA funding
 - Questions from the Committee regarding the scope of the project
 - Comments from abutters who are building a home near the property. They are concerned with losing screening trees. Some of the trees identified are closest to their property
 - Discussion regarding the condition of the trees and the dangers to the headstones
 - Discussion by Mr. Van Bossuyt regarding the challenges of safely removing trees from that site
 - Discussion regarding pricing. The applicants will need to have more detail for Town Meeting

Public Hearing closed at 8:25 p.m.

4. Public Hearing opened at 8:25 on Recreation Commission request for a total of \$117,227 in funding for 6 projects. The projects have been consolidated in three articles for Town Meeting.
 - A. Basketball and tennis court replacement
 - B. Slabs for pavilion and shed, speaker system and security cameras
 - C. Sitework and engineering for Kiwanis parking

Discussion regarding availability of funds.

Public Hearing closed at 8:39 p.m.

5. Voted to approve and recommend to Town Meeting the Historical Commission's request for up to \$20,000 in funds for tree removal. The applicants will be urged to provide more accurate quotes and to seek alternative funding sources.

6. Voted to recommend to Town Floor the Recreation Commission projects presently embodied in three warrant articles.

7. Discussion regarding CPA signage. The Committee decided on the text for signs near several completed projects.

Adjourned at 9:05 p.m.