

Community Preservation Committee
Posted Meeting – September 3, 2014

Present: Rena Richard – Upton Housing Authority
Richard Holmes – Open Space Committee
Richard Gazoorian – Recreation Commission
Russell Wood – Historical Commission
Chris Scott – Conservation Commission
Richard Desjardins – Selectmen’s Appointee
Ed Darragh – Selectmen’s Appointee
Dave Adams – Selectmen’s Appointee
Paul Carey – Planning Board

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Prior meeting minutes approved, as amended.
2. Discussion regarding general business. Town meeting scheduled November 18.
3. Discussion with Jay Byer, Mendon Upton Regional School District, regarding resurfacing of Clough and Memorial playground surfaces. Would be approximately \$50,000 for Mendon’s playground. The cost for Upton’s two playgrounds at Memorial would likely be \$100,000⁺.

Questions from the committee regarding the cost, alternative surfaces, and whether the project is appropriate for CPA funding. No action by the committee was requested at this time.

4. Discussion with Susan Connelly, Massachusetts Housing Partnership regarding affordable housing projects and ideas.

Upton does have a housing production plan, which is a good start. We also have a housing trust. Discussion regarding the CPC’s possible role in the housing process.

Discussion regarding potential expiring uses of affordable units. One project (Millhaus) recently extended their Section 8 contract. Another (Upton Inn) expires in 2018.

Discussion regarding Metrowest Collaborative, an affordable housing consultant and developer working with several Central Massachusetts communities.

5. Discussion with Land Stewardship Committee regarding preservation of historic school house foundation on North Street near Glen Echo. There are trees growing in the foundation that could damage the foundation. The foundation is on town

owned land. Discussion regarding extending a walking trail and appropriate signage.

The Committee is waiting on at least one more estimate for tree removal and will seek estimates for signage.

They will come to the October 1 meeting with the hope of having a public hearing on November 5.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.