

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Wayland Community Preservation Committee September 17, 2014**

**CPC Member Attendees:** Gretchen Schuler, Chairman, Maureen Cavanaugh, Bob Goldsmith, Anna Meliones, Ira Montague, Elisa Scola, John Sullivan, Susan Weinstein. These members represented a quorum of the Committee.

**Other Attendees:** See sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Minutes:** Susan Weinstein motioned for the minutes from the June 25, 2014 Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting be approved. Maureen Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The minutes were approved (7-0-0).

**CPA Fund Financials:** Gretchen Schuler met with Brian Keveny to review the Community Preservation Act (CPA) fund reports. The reporting will be on track next quarter, with a paper accounting by September 30 and then quarterly reports will be issued. The total balance is just over \$7 million. John Sullivan noted that the Conservation Commission would like to see a substantial amount set aside for open space.

**Rail Trail:** Larry Kiernan, Wayland representative to the Mass Central Rail Trail (MCRT), provided an update on the project and the use of the \$25,000 Community Preservation Act (CPA) feasibility funds previously approved at Annual Town Meeting (ATM). The trail is proposed to be hard packed stone dust for the three miles in Wayland. The path would be built to Department of Conservation and Recreation standards. To construct a paved path meeting Massachusetts Department of Transportation standards may be considered at a later date. Next steps are to have the bridge over the Sudbury River evaluated and to refine a project budget. Dan Hill, representing the Planning Board (PB) reported that the PB had requested the Board of Selectmen to designate the PB to work with Larry and the Town Planner on advancing the project. A large number of Wayland residents attended the meeting in support of the project.

**Application Form for CPA Projects:** Gretchen circulated two sample CPA application forms that she prepared. There was some discussion, but the issued was tabled, with the request the members review the forms and bring comments to the October 15 meeting.

**Potential Projects for 2015:** Discussion regarding potential 2015 projects to be considered at 2015 ATM included:

- Library – The Library is getting estimates from Olde Bostonian (currently repairing the First Parish Church windows) for curved window repair or replacement. The Library is also looking to the Wayland Historical Commission (WHC) for support.
- Housing Trust – The Wayland Munnicipal Affordable Housing Trust is looking to be the repository for CPA affordable housing monies, as it has the ability to be more nimble and able to respond to opportunities and needs more quickly.

- Cochituate Village Apartments – The Finance Committee has asked the CPC if they would consider recommending an additional allocation for the sprinkler system. An RFQ for the sprinkler installation is currently being prepared.
- North Cemetery – An existing conditions and recommendations report, prepared with CPA funds approved at 2014 ATM, will be completed this fall. The WHC will be requesting more CPA funds to do additional work.
- Stone’s Bridge – The WHC is working with Structures North Consulting Engineers to refine a stabilization plan for the North Bridge.
- Loker Fields – Anna reports that the Recreation Department will have a new director next week. ATM approved \$92,000 for design of ball fields that is not all spent. Construction of ball fields is estimated at \$985,000.
- Mainstone Farm – Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT) is back in the loop talking with Dev Hamlen and his family. The last appraisal was from 2011 and is outdated. SVT is looking at fundraising strategy. Brian Keveny is looking into how much the Town could borrow.

**Lincoln Road Fields:** Jerry Heller reports that the conservation restriction (CR) for the Lincoln Road Fields was finalized and the closing was in June. In addition, a CR for the adjacent eight acres is being negotiated with the property owner and the state. SVT is taking the lead and will hold the CR.

**Community Preservation Coalition Membership:** Susan Weinstein motioned for the Community Preservation Coalition annual membership dues of \$2,875 be paid by the Town of Wayland from CPA funds. Maureen seconded the motion. The motion was approved (8-0-0).

**Annual Report:** The annual CPC report was reviewed and no edits were recommended.

**Other Business:** The CPC has one open seat, awaiting an appointment from the Board of Selectmen.

**Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the CPC will have a regularly scheduled meeting at 7:30 on the third Wednesday of the month. Next meetings: October 15, November 19, December 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen A. Cavanaugh