

APPROVED: 4-2-14

**WEST BOYLSTON
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
February 26, 2014**

Members present: George Bernardin, Steve Blake, Pat Crowley, Bev Goodale, Pat Halpin, Charlene Hopkins, Jim Kaufman, and Chris Rucho. Absent: Joan Welsh.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 28, 2014 meeting were approved as mailed, with the correction of the spelling of Charlene's name.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN: George presented a draft of a memo to be sent to the Open Space Implementation committee in response to its message to us expressing questions and suggestions regarding updating the community preservation plan. It was agreed that the memo be sent, in which it is suggested that one or more of their representatives meet with the CPC to discuss this subject further.

SIGNAGE:

It was voted to approve the language indicated to be added to signs at the following locations:

Lee Street property:

This property, protecting a drinking water supply area, was purchased in part by the citizens of West Boylston through the Community Preservation Act.

Cemetery property:

Preservation projects in this cemetery were funded by the citizens of West Boylston through the Community Preservation Act.

Goodale Park:

The restoration of these Tennis and Basketball Courts were paid for, in part, by the citizens of West Boylston through the Community Preservation Act.

Regarding CPC signage at the library, it was voted to authorize Steve Blake to work out the type of signage and the and the language used on the signage with library staff, with the request that he report back to the Committee about the results of his efforts.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT; Interest was expressed in the balances in the various CPA accounts and the Chair agreed to provide updated numbers to the committee. Pat Halpin also asked about the provisions in the act, as adopted by the Town, which provide relief for low income individuals and the Chair also agreed to provide this information as well. [The first \$100,000 of taxable value is exempt as well as property owned and occupied by a person who would qualify for low income housing or moderate income senior housing. – GB]

PARKS COMMISSION: The Committee reviewed the application dated January 2, 2014 for \$30,000 submitted by the Parks Commission relating to fencing and netting and certain backstop repairs at the high school baseball field, the girls' softball field and the Woodland field. In the discussion of the application, it was pointed out that replacing the fencing and netting will address a number of safety concerns. Specifically, Steve Blake explained that the Parks Commission wants to expend the funds to address immediate safety issues at the baseball field Pat Crowley agreed that he would check into whether the Parks Commission can be reimbursed by the CPC if they expend funds prior to the grant being approved. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to recommend the approval at the May 2014 semiannual town meeting of the application of the Parks Commission dated January 2, 2014 for \$30,000 to fund a project entitled "Fencing & Netting Project – Parks."

MOUNT VERNON CEMETERY: John McCormick, Chair of the Trustees of the Cemetery and Aaron Goodale, a Trustee, joined the meeting to explain two applications relating to the Cemetery. One application, dated January 8, 2014 for \$11,000 was submitted by the Trustees of the Cemetery and relates to cemetery records preservation. The other application, dated January 10, 2014 for \$42,900, which was submitted by the West Boylston Historical Commission, relates to conservation of monuments and headstones in Section H of the Cemetery. In the course of the discussion, the importance of these projects was explained, as well as the fact that the Cemetery finds it impossible to carry out such projects from the small income from its perpetual care fund. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to recommend the approval at the May 2014 semiannual town meeting of the application of the Mount Vernon Cemetery dated January 8, 2014 for \$11,000 to fund a project entitled "Cemetery Records Preservation." and further

VOTED: to recommend the approval at the May 2014 semiannual town meeting of the application of the West Boylston Historical Commission dated January 10, 2014 for \$42,900 to fund a project entitled "Conservation of Section H of Mount Vernon Cemetery."

CENTENNIAL STAINED GLASS PRESERVATION PROJECT The Committee discussed a letter dated February 24, 2014 from Donald Lagasse asking that the Committee reconsider its vote on

January 28, 2014 to take steps to rescind the grant for this project. The Committee agreed to invite Mr. Lagasse to attend its next meeting and to place discussion of his request on the agenda.

NEXT MEETING: It was agreed that the March meeting will be held on March 25 at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

A true record:

George F. Bernardin, Secretary