

**APPROVED – 6-8-15**

**WEST BOYLSTON  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
March 10, 2015**

Members present: George Bernardin, Steve Blake, Brenda Bowman, Pat Crowley, Bev Goodale, Charleen Hopkins, and Chris Rucho.

Absent: Pat Halpin

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting were approved as mailed.

**PUBLIC HEARING/INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** At 7:05 Pat Crowley indicated that he was prepared to conduct the public hearing/ informational meeting relating to the Community Preservation Act, as indicated in the Public Meeting Notice, as copy of which is attached to the original copy of the minutes of this meeting. However, there were no persons in attendance who wanted to hear the presentation and it was decided to proceed with other business.

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COALITION:** Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to approve the payment of a bill from the Coalition in the amount of \$875 – to pay for the dues for the current year.

**OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE:** The Committee reviewed an application from the Open Space Implementation Committee dated 1/15/15 requesting funding of \$15,000 for professional services in connection with preparing an updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Committee then review a letter from the Executive Director of the Community Preservation Coalition expressing his opinion that use of CPA funds for such a purpose is not allowed by the statute, also indicating that he is not an attorney and that we may wish to consult with Town Counsel if we need a legal opinion on the matter. [A copy of the application and of the letter from the Coalition – with supporting attachments, are attached to the original copy of these minutes.] After a general discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was:

**VOTED:** To forward the 1/15/15 application of the Open Space Implementation Committee for \$15,000 to fund professional services in connection with updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan to the Town Administrator with the request that he decide whether to get a legal opinion as to whether CPA funds can be used for this purpose or whether to try fund this activity from other sources.

**ANNUAL REPORT – 2014:** The Committee reviewed the draft of the 2014 annual report prepared by George Bernardin. It was agreed to approve the report, as revised to incorporate two suggestions from Pat Halpin regarding the housing projects and to add the names of the Committee members.

NEXT MEETING: April 27 at 6:30 pm

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn at 7:20. Pm

A true record;

George f. Bernardin, Secretary