

Community Preservation Committee

September 21, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:07PM

Members participating remotely.

Members Present: Henry Geddes, Allen Hanson, Matteo Pangallo, Elaine Puleo, Rita Farrell

Absent: Beth Willson

Public: Tom Siefert, Frank McGinn, Clif Read

MINUTES

1. Review and vote on minutes of August 24, 2023 meeting

Geddes aye Pangallo aye Puleo aye Farrell abstain.

Motion approved 3 aye one abstain.

2. Public hearing regarding updating the Shutesbury Community Preservation Plan

Siefert questions: Is this done annually? Does it change every year. Has there been any suggestions for change?

Response by Pangallo this is done annually, and revisions are fairly minor and dates are set. No suggestions have been made. It's a fairly broad comprehensive plan.

In December we determine eligibility of the project and then in the spring the committee votes on whether or not to advance the application to town meeting.

Comment by Farrell; the area where we have only had one project is community housing. In the future we would like to make properties available in combination with the open space purchasing. We have limited opportunities for this. Land acquisition is one of the ways we could do this.

Read comment: Page 7 Section 3 historic resource profile – historic properties that aren't included are the school houses on West Pelham Rd and Schoolhouse Road

Response: Puleo the Sirius community owns the Schoolhouse Road property. Farrell: Even though we could put money towards privately owned properties. In 2011 we did put money into the West Pelham Rd property. Geddes: There is a need for some restoration on the West Pelham Rd property.

Motion to approve closing the public hearing. Puleo moved, Geddes second
Farrell aye, Hanson aye, Geddes aye, Pangallo aye, Puleo aye

Seeing no other comments, Pangallo will update the plan and will present it at our October meeting.

Farrell motion to adjourn Puleo seconded - unanimous vote to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:29

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine Puleo