

Community Preservation Committee

August 24, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM

Members participating remotely.

Present: Henry Geddes, Allen Hanson, Matteo Pangallo, Elaine Puleo, Beth Willson

Absent: Rita Farrell

MINUTES

1. Review and vote on minutes of June 15 meeting
Corrections: Item 5 -30 days or 3 meetings whichever is later for posting minutes. Item 6 only bringing it up as a point of information.
Puleo moves to approve minutes, Geddes second.
Minutes were amended by Pangallo
Geddes aye Pangallo aye Puleo aye Hanson aye Willson abstain.
Motion approved 4 aye one abstain.
2. Update on current CPA projects
 - a. West Cemetery restoration – as planned, work is proceeding.
 - b. West Quabbin Conservation Area parking reschedule due to weather. Kestrel Trust needs to schedule an item with ComCom meeting to discuss this – work may be happening in the spring.
 - c. Town Common Signboard restoration – Historical commission will be meeting on Aug 30th to discuss this.
 - d. Ames Pond Trails rehabilitation – description of parking area and phase 1 completed as of May 2023, phase 2 is upcoming – not sure if they will be applying for future CPA funding.
 - e. Top of the lake conservation area – request to put a recycled plastic bench there using our funds. The committee agreed that this was a good idea and they should move forward with it.
 - f. Exit surveys from FY23 applicants – only received one returned survey for the West Cemetery restoration. They indicated that the process was easy but application seemed repetitive. The committee decided to send a reminder to the other 3 who did not respond. In the future we will include a mention that there is an exit survey in the initial information package. Possibly a hard copy is a good way to get it to people.
3. Discussion on September 21 public hearing and hearing notice – We were told that CPA law section 5b1 states that we need to hold the hearing at the start of the process of revising the application as opposed to the end. Suggestion is for getting information out on social media, a town announce, posters at the Library , Town Hall and Post Office. Pangallo will revise the notice to better describe what the hearing is about. At the following meeting we would talk about the changes we will make.
4. Discussion on Planning Board representative on CPC – Clif Read offered to serve. The Planning Board wants our input. Members informally voted to support this representative.
5. Other business - none

Willson motion to adjourn Geddes seconded - unanimous vote to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:35

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine Puleo