



Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes May 10, 2022

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair M. Justin Barrett, Jr.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chair M. Justin Barrett, Jr., Clerk Dan Melnechuk, Tom Creonte, Bob LeBlanc, Loretta McClary, Amanda Thibodeau, Bill Doyle (joined at 7:02 p.m.), Sean Wilson (joined at 7:04 p.m.)

Absent: Vice Chair Erika Oliver Jerram

3. Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Creonte to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2022, seconded by Mr. LeBlanc. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. New Business

A. Public Hearing

1. CPC Annual Public Input Hearing

Waltham resident Sandra Anagnostakis joined the meeting. She stated she is concerned about Hardy Pond issues and the conservation area, but did not have any specific comments. Mr. Barrett noted that there is \$183,000 set aside in CPA money for acquiring conservation land around Hardy Pond, but the process is very slow. He mentioned that Atty. Diana Young is currently writing conservation restrictions for 84 Arcadia Ave. and 385 Trapelo Rd. She will submit one to the state. Once it comes back, she will note any comments and adjust the second restriction, if needed, before submitting it. Resident Sally Wetzler also joined the meeting. She stated that she knows of one or two owners of the conservation land properties that can't be built on who would like to be approached about selling to the city. Mr. Melnechuk asked if someone could be hired to do the negotiations outside of the city's Law Dept. Mr. Barrett replied that the CPC would need the names of the property owners first, then the land would need to be appraised. He said once we have the names, he could then talk with the Law Dept. and the mayor, and go from there. He requested that Julie check with Stuart Saginor from the Community Preservation Coalition to inquire if a mediator can be hired to approach the property owners about selling. Mr. Creonte asked if it's the CPC's responsibility to reach out to the land owners. Mr. Barrett replied that it is not. Mr. Barrett closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

5. Old Business

A. Next Meeting: June 14th. Mr. Barrett noted that if there aren't any applications submitted by the next deadline (June 7th), the June meeting may be cancelled.

B. Fiscal Year 2023 CPC Administrative Budget: Motion made by Mr. Creonte to duplicate last year's CPC Administrative budget with the exception of having Auditing adjust the Program Manager's salary (for her annual step raise). Motion seconded by Mr. LeBlanc. All in favor. Motion passed.

6. Adjourn

Motion made by Mr. Creonte to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.