



Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes October 11, 2022

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair M. Justin Barrett, Jr. This meeting was held concurrently in-person and via Zoom.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chair M. Justin Barrett, Jr., Vice Chair Erika Oliver Jerram, Clerk Dan Melnechuk, Bob LeBlanc, Loretta McClary, Amanda Thibodeau

Absent: Tom Creonte, Bill Doyle, Sean Wilson

3. Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. LeBlanc to approve the meeting minutes of May 10, 2022, seconded by Ms. Thibodeau. All in favor. Motion passed.

4. New Business

A. Hardy Pond Conservation Area Project

Mr. Melnechuk noted that the Hardy Pond Conservation Area application that was approved had a bunch of phases. The second phase is to hire a land conservation specialist (budgeted for \$70k). Motion made by Mr. Melnechuk to send a letter to the City's Law Dept. to ask if they have input on how to proceed with Phase II (who should be hiring and who should be managing the land conservation specialist), and cc the letter to the Mayor, City Council, and the Waltham Land Trust. Motion seconded by Mr. LeBlanc. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Melnechuk to reach out to the Waltham Land Trust to see if they would be interested in assisting the CPC in recommending, hiring and/or managing a land conservation specialist for Phase II of the Hardy Pond Conservation Area project.

Motion seconded by Ms. Thibodeau. All in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Melnechuk made one final comment re: future applications. If someone is to be hired, it should be built into the application as to who hires and who manages (the hiree).

B. Armory Application Withdrawal

Motion made by Mr. LeBlanc to file the withdrawn Waltham Armory application, seconded by Ms. Thibodeau. All in favor. Motion passed.

C. Conservation Restrictions Update

Mr. Barrett noted that Diana Young filed a conservation restriction (CR) with the state. The state is currently reviewing it. Once we get it back, we will know how to better proceed with CRs.

D. Fernald Survey Presentation

Bryan Papciak, Handcranked Productions, noted that the initial goal of the project was to provide a photographic recreation of every building on the Fernald site. All of the documents are saved in a Dropbox folder, however Mr. Papciak can put the files on drives for each department (CPC, Historical, CPW, Recreation Department and City Clerk). They were able to salvage many blueprints dating back to 1948 that were found in the administration building which were given to Michael Russo who is a city employee. Mr. Papciak and his employees were able to save several light fixtures which he will give to the Historical Commission. They had trail camps set up to try to get a handle on the vandalism and handed over the data to the Waltham Police Dept. Mr. Papciak gave an overview of the buildings that were built on site over the years. He noted which buildings most likely can and cannot be saved, as well as indicated the culturally and historically significant buildings.

Mr. Melnechuk asked about a building on Trapelo Rd. that is currently undergoing work. Mr. Barrett confirmed it's Cardinal Cottage which is in the process of being restored. Mort Isaacson, Chair of the Waltham Historical Commission, pointed out that Cardinal Cottage pre-dates the foundation of Fernald and has its own independent history prior to the school being established. Mr. Papciak stated to Mr. Isaacson that he is willing to do all of the leg and volunteer work to help preserve some of the historically-significant facades of the crucial buildings at the Fernald.

E. CPC Election of Officers

Motion made by Ms. Oliver Jerram to nominate last year's slate of officers (Chair: M. Justin Barrett, Jr., Vice Chair: Erika Oliver Jerram, and Clerk: Daniel Melnechuk) to serve another year. Motion seconded by Mr. LeBlanc.

Roll call vote: Amanda Thibodeau (Yes), Loretta McClary (Yes), Bob LeBlanc (Yes), Daniel Melnechuk (Yes), Erika Oliver Jerram (Yes), M. Justin Barrett, Jr. (Yes).

5. Adjourn

Motion made by Ms. Oliver Jerram to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McClary. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.