



TOWN OF WHATELY
Whately, Massachusetts 01093

Community Preservation Committee
Alan Sanderson Jr., Chair

Minutes Whately CPC
Whately Town Hall
October 17, 2017

Members Present:

Alan Sanderson, Jr. (At Large)
Andrew Ostrowski (Conservation Commission)
Judy Markland (Planning Board)
Catherine Roegge (Housing Commission)
Donna Wiley (Historical Commission)

Members Absent:

John Devine (At Large)

Also Present – Tim Nourse, Ag Commission Chair

Meeting called to order at 6 pm

Topics:

- **Updating the CPA Plan** – The CPC agreed there was no need to make major changes to the Plan. Discussion occurred regarding the vacant Recreation Committee seat. Maryellen will investigate if the CPA bylaw requires that there be a representative from the Rec Commission. If not then the Committee will ask the Select Board to appoint an at-large member instead.
- **Discussion and possible vote on what to do with the unspent Hutkoski APR and the Recreation ballfield money** – After discussion, motion was made and seconded to return funds to their buckets from the Hutkoski APR and the Recreation ballfield. Vote was unanimous.
- **Discuss status of current APR's** – Discussion occurred of the slow process at the state level of the APR applications. The time frame for APR's to be finalized is two years. An example of this is the Smith APR. Because of the extended time frame, a second appraisal was needed which resulted in an increased value. Money from the former Whately Land Trust made up part of the difference. Tim Nourse reported that the state agency that manages APR'S expects to complete its work on all three pending APR's in Whately by March 2018. There will possibly be one more APR in the pipeline for consideration this year.
- **Discuss status of Town Hall project** – The awarded bid is \$200,000 over the projected bid ready documents. Judy and Brian are working on one more grant thru the Mass Office on Disability for up to \$250,000. \$138,000 has been raised so far by the Friends of Town Hall.
- **Discuss the revised Housing Trust grant agreement** – Extensive discussion occurred regarding issues with the Housing Trust grant agreement. The CPC agreed the agreement should be approved by the Trust and the Committee before

going to Town Counsel and Brian. A separate grant agreement for each transfer from the CPA to the Trust is important. It was suggested to have a meeting with two representatives from each committee to discuss the differences.

- **Discuss Community Preservation Coalition request for projects** – The CPC agreed to send photos of finished projects to the Community Preservation Coalition. Darcy Tozier will be contacted to see if she has before and after pictures of restored gravestones.
- **Discuss change of meeting date** – The CPC agreed to hold the upcoming meetings on the 3rd Monday of the month, provided John can attend.
- **Unanticipated Business** – After discussion regarding CPA finances, motion was made and seconded to recommend transferring \$6000 to the Housing Bucket from the undesignated fund balance on the next special town meeting warrant. Vote was unanimous. Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of March 7th. Vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryellen Cranston
Recording Secretary

Documents used in the meeting and on file with the CPC secretary

Whately Community Preservation Project History

Whately Housing Trust Grant Agreement

Community Preservation Coalition New Legislation regarding Transfers to Housing Trusts

10/8/17 email from Judy Markland regarding the Whately Housing Trust Grant Agreement