



TOWN OF WHATELY
Whately, Massachusetts 01093

Community Preservation Committee
Alan Sanderson Jr., Chair

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023

by Zoom

Present: Alan Sanderson, Doug Coldwell, Judy Markland, Andrew Ostrowski, Donna Wiley

Absent: Catherine Wolkowicz

Alan Sanderson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The Committee approved minutes from the meeting of June 21, 2023 unanimously.

Alan reported that Jonathan Edwards has resigned from the Recreation Committee and the CPC. Chris Williams has agreed to serve on the CPC as representative of the Rec Comm. Alan will follow up with Brian Domina about his appointment by the Selectboard.

Amy Schrader has declined to serve as Technical Assistant for the CPC. Brian has recommended the new Community Development Administrator, Sylvie Jensen. Alan will pursue this possibility.

Wayne Hutkoski, Chair of the Rec Comm, has submitted additional information regarding the application for planting trees and installing fence along Herlihy Field. Both items had been included in the state PARC grant, but the funding ran out before the work could be completed. The plan would be to purchase and install trees in the fall as soon as the grant has been approved at a Special Town Meeting.

The cost estimates provided for the project are not consistent and may not include adequate funding for professional installation of the trees. The fencing estimate from L&L includes an open question about 'bumper posts;' it is not clear that this question has been resolved. Alan will ask Wayne for a complete application before the CPC's August meeting, so that the public hearing may be scheduled in September. Alan will also alert Brian that an STM may be needed in late September/early October.

Judy Markland reported that the Planning Board has accepted a draft Housing Production Plan, which will next be reviewed by the Selectboard and opened to the Town for public comment. After the State has approved an HPP for Whately, the Town will be eligible to apply for various community housing grants.

Doug Coldwell suggested that it would be helpful to future applicants to post examples of well prepared applications on the CPC website, including annotations of questions raised during the CPC review and answers provided by the applicants. The CPC agreed to review the project history, which is posted on the CPC website, and to discuss applications that could be used for this purpose at its next meeting.

The next meeting of the CPC will be held on Wednesday, August 9, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Alan adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.