

Minutes
Wednesday, January 2, 2008
Community Preservation Act Study Committee
Conference Room 2 – Town Hall – 7::30 P.M.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairman Adam Dash. Members present were John Dieckmann, Caroline Huang, Delores Keefe, Joseph Scali and Ann Verrilli. Assistant Town Administrator Jeff Conti was also present; Members absent were Peter Gunness and Mark Paolillo.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 11, 2007 meeting at which Selectman Daniel C. Leclerc was present were not required as there was not a quorum. Richard Cheek of the Historical Society also attended.

The Committee moved: To approve the minutes of the Committee's November 27, 2007 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

III. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

Selectman Paul Solomon will attend the January 17th meeting and Selectman Angelo R. Firenze will be invited to the upcoming February 11th meeting.

IV. Possible Projects

Caroline received The Capital Projects Progress Report issued October 11, 2007. Capital projects being reviewed include the Outdoor (Underwood) Swimming Pool and the Belmont Memorial Library. Of these two, the Pool may be considered. Town Council agrees money for maintenance of the pool could be a possibility if the pool is put in the historic category. Will Brownsberger agrees. Other projects mentioned at the January 2nd Preservation meeting included the Belmont Police Station, the Paul White Field House and preservation of the Uplands. Tunnel under railroad tracks from high school area to Channing Rd.

V. Information to be Obtained:

Ann V. will be having a meeting with the Housing Trust and look into analysis of condo acquisition.

Adam will be attending the January 8th Con Com meeting.

VI. Final Report

Town Meeting must approve acceptance of Conservation Preservation Act. The percentage may be adjusted yearly. It is the opinion of the Selectmen that submitting a CPA article may not be advisable at the Annual Town Meeting. More analysis is needed. We should look at what projects have been completed by other towns that have accepted CPA. (Example, Bourne's CPA project included the purchase of Monument Island.)

VII. Other Business

Extension of the Final Report's timeline submission will be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m..

(Minutes approved by unanimous vote of the Committee, January 17, 2008.)

Respectfully, submitted,



Jeff Conti, Assistant Town Administrator