

## Minutes

### Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Meeting

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

Held virtually only

Present: Brittany Besler, Paul Carey, Mike Penko, Rick Porter, Joan Scribner, Russ Wood

Absent: Chris Scott

Guests: Kristen Paulson, Ed Phillips, Tracy Perkins, Joan Burrell

1. This virtual meeting of the CPC was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call attendance was taken and the minutes of the January 4, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Discussion on renewing membership in the CPC Coalition including payment of the annual dues of \$1,750 was held. After discussion, Paul moved and Brittany seconded that we retain membership and pay the annual dues. Approved unanimously.
3. Update on the Upton Lakes and Ponds study, phase 2 was led by Mike Penko. He indicated that a placeholder was submitted for the annual town meeting warrant. The formal application for CPC funding will be provided. Mike also mentioned that the Lakes and Ponds Committee is waiting town's submission of an RFP for the MDP action grant – Mill Pond. Paul affirmed that a public hearing for the study and the requested funds (\$50,000) is scheduled for April 5, 2023 at 7:05 p.m.
4. Update on funding of bridge on the Robertson conservation land indicated that a placeholder was submitted for the annual town meeting warrant. The formal CPC application will be provided. A grant application has been submitted by the Open Space Committee as well. Paul affirmed that a public hearing for this project and the requested funds (\$120,000) is scheduled for April 5, 2023 at 7:15 p.m.
5. Update on funding of the Heritage Park sign noted that the formal application for this project had been received indicating CPC monetary support of up to \$5,000. Ed Phillips stated that he is asking the vendor for an estimate in writing prior to the public hearing and town meeting. Paul affirmed that a public hearing for this project is scheduled for April 5, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
6. Discussion was resumed from the January meeting concerning renovations to the Grange. Kristen Paulson and Ed Phillips spoke of the historical importance to the town as well as reviewed the needs facing the Grange including but not limited to the roof, carpentry, painting, de-leading, and landscaping and handicap accessibility. The Grange intends on applying for a 50% matching grant from the state which is due by March 17, 2023. It was noted that a Preservation Restriction may need to be added to the deed. It was determined that restoration to this historical building falls within the guidelines for CPC funding. A placeholder was submitted for the annual town meeting warrant. A question raised for the proponents was the need to be able to indicate how the Public will benefit from these improvements. It was moved by Paul and seconded by Joan that the CPC approve the funding request of \$120,000 and was

unanimously approved. Paul also affirmed that a public hearing would be scheduled for April 5, 2023 at 7:35 p.m.

7. Rick Porter speaking on behalf of the Recreation Commission indicated that the Commission will be requesting funding from the CPC in the future with regards to the development of the Trask property (a gift to the town of Upton). He noted that the legal questions concerning this gift had been cleared and the property can now be given to and accepted by the town.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. Next scheduled meeting is set for March 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Scribner, Clerk