

Community Preservation Committee  
September 7, 2022

Present: Brittany Besler – Selectmen’s Appointee  
Mike Penko - Open Space Committee  
Rick Porter – Recreation Commission  
Chris Scott – Conservation Commission  
Joan Scribner – Selectmen’s Appointee  
Russ Wood – Historical Commission

Absent: Paul Carey, Vice-Chair – Planning Board

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. and it was noted that the meeting was being recorded. Brittany Besler and Rick Porter, the two newest members of the CPC, were officially welcomed aboard!

1. Approval of the minutes of April 27, 2022 were passed over as not all committee members had received/reviewed them.
2. Funding Request. Mike Penko, a member of the newly formed Lakes and Ponds Committee gave a slide presentation of a proposal for a pilot study to evaluate the health and use of Upton’s Pratt Pond and Old Mill Pond.

After the presentation and discussion of same, it was asked by the Lakes and Ponds Committee that the CPC fund the study in the amount of \$75,000. The study may take place over the next two years.

After discussion it was moved (Mike Penko) and seconded (Chris Scott) that the CPC hold a public hearing at the next meeting scheduled for October 5, 2022 to see if the CPC will approve the funding and then move it to the November Special Town meeting for the public’s approval.

The vote to move this to a public hearing was unanimously approved.

Since articles for the warrant for the November meeting must be submitted no later September 9, 2022, Mike will write an article as a placeholder on the warrant and submit it to the Town Manager by that time.

3. State CP3 Report. A report to the State covering projects funded by the CPC during the last FY is due to the State no later than September 15, 2022. If not received by then the State may withhold future funding until received. Paul Carey with the help of Town Clerk Denise Smith are currently working on this report and it is expected to be in to the State by the deadline.
4. Election of new Chairperson. With the recent resignation of the former Chair due to a move outside of Upton that office needs to be filled. After discussion, it was moved by

Mike Penko and seconded by Chris Scott that Paul Carey, current Assistant Chair, be made Chair of the CPC through June 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Upcoming Meeting Schedule. Discussion took place to finalize the dates for meetings for the remainder of the calendar year. The following dates were agreed upon:

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

It was also discussed and agreed to change the starting time of these meetings from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

6. A motion by Rick Porter and seconded by Chris Scott to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Scribner