

Community Preservation Committee
April 6, 2022

Present: Rena Richard, Chair – Upton Housing Authority
Paul Carey, Vice-Chair – Planning Board
Richard Gazoorian – Recreation Commission
Richard Desjardins – Selectmen’s Appointee
Joan Scribner – Selectmen’s Appointee
Russell Wood – Historical Commission
Mike Penko - Open Space Committee
Chris Scott – Conservation Commission

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Prior meeting minutes read and approved unanimously by roll call vote.
2. Financials reviewed.
3. Discussion regarding use of housing funds to update housing production plan.
Presentation by Town Clerk. Quote from CMRPC of \$15,000. Prior CPC article was approved for housing plan in 2011. Remaining funds are \$11,000.

Moved to approve use of remaining funds to update the Town’s housing production plan.
Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

4. Presentation by Bill Taylor of the Upton Open Space Committee. Proposal to acquire 94 acres off Fowler and Mechanic Streets. \$900,000 for land and \$65,000 for project costs.

Applicant committing to raise \$200,000 from private sources.

Appraisal in process, expected to be completed by May 1, possibly earlier.

May also apply for grants. Town would have until August 2023 to close.

Sudbury Valley Trustees would hold the conservation restriction.

The property will add to large blocks of nearby conservation land.

Town funds would only be used up to appraised value. Per Town counsel, other funds could be used to fund any shortfall.

Motion to set a public hearing on the request for up to \$965,000 in CPA funding to acquire the property.

Meeting will be April 27 or May 4 at 7:35 p.m. with the Chair to post the date and place early next week, depending on likely delivery date of appraisal.

Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

5. Staff changes discussed. Brittany Besler has applied to join the CPC.

Next meeting will be Rena's last as she is moving. Another Upton Housing Authority member should be appointed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.