Minutes
Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Meeting
Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Held virtually only

Present: Brittany Besler, Paul Carey, Mike Penko, Rick Porter, Chris Scott, Joan Scribner, Russ Wood
Absent: None

1. This virtual meeting of the CPC was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call attendance was taken, the agenda quickly reviewed and the minutes of the April 27th and September 7th meetings were approved. At 7:10 p.m. the regular meeting was suspended and the Public Hearing portion of the meeting was called to order.

2. Member Mike Penko presented a complete overview via power point of the proposal for a pilot study to evaluate the "Health and Use of Upton's Pratt Pond and Old Mill Pond". After Mike presented in depth the reasons for the request he fielded questions and comments from the Committee and the Public who had joined the meeting virtually.

3. A motion was made by Paul Carey and seconded by Chris Scott to approve the requested $75,000 for this study. Monies to come from the Open Space account to the extent available and the remaining from the Undesignated Funds account. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The proposal and funding request will be presented at the November 1, 2022 Upton Special Town Meeting (STM).

4. The Public Hearing portion of the meeting was adjourned and the regular meeting of the CPC resumed.

5. A short discussion of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Surveys was held and determined that though individual responses to the survey – in particular to the 'recreational user survey' were encouraged, it would not be fitting for the CPC to respond as a group. Member Rick Porter will look into responding for the Recreation Commission and member Mike Penko has responded individually.

6. A reminder was given about the upcoming STM on 11/1/22 and the CPC November meeting on 11/2/22.

7. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Scribner