

Community Preservation Committee
May 5, 2021

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

Meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m.

1. Prior meeting minutes approved unanimously by roll call vote.
2. Review of financials by Ms. Richard.
3. Discussion regarding report by Community Preservation Coalition on estimated state matching funds. Base match is expected to be in excess of 32%. Upton’s match will likely be higher.
4. Discussion regarding articles for Town Meeting. Lyn Haggerty had questions as to whether the ramp proposal qualified for CPA funding. Ms. Richard explained that, per advice from the Coalition and Town Counsel, the project did not qualify.

Town moderator, David Loeper, discussed the Articles pertaining to CPC.

*Russell Wood joined at 7:46 p.m.

5. Discussion regarding parameters for public hearings. Ms. Richard questioned whether a dollar limit should be set to trigger the need for a hearing.

The board discussed dealing with low dollar requests and the ability to waive the public hearing requirement.

Members expressed preferences for how to handle those situations. Moved to hold hearings for requests over \$10,000 and be able to vote to waive hearings under that amount. Seconded for discussion. Mr. Adams favored a case by case analysis.

Ms. Scribner felt it was important to have a vote on the record. Friendly amendment to set the amount at \$5,000.

Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.