

Community Preservation Committee  
Minutes  
Wednesday, April 6, 2005  
Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School

Members Present: Mark Kablack, Carole Wolfe, Richard Bell, Chris Morely, Sheila Stewart, Steve Swanger

Not Present: John Drobinski, Tara Reed, Peter Glass

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

The Chairman opened the meeting for further discussion on CPC articles for Town Meeting presentation.

#### Cutting Field

In particular, there was discussion about the Cutting Field proposal to fund the construction shortfall. Present for the discussion on the Cutting Field article were Paul Griffin of the Park and Rec. Commission and the following members from the Finance Committee in addition to Sheila Stewart: Bob Jacobsen, Bill Kneeland and John Nikula. The Town Manager, Maureen Valente joined in this discussion. There was debate among the members present as to where the additional funds were coming from, and what the certainty level was for obtaining additional funds. Members of the Finance Committee were concerned for committing more Town funds (through the CPC) without knowing whether other funds would be available. The Finance Committee wanted to be sure that the project could be completed without requiring the Town to commit more funds over and above what was proposed in the CPC article. The CPC members voiced an equal concern, but felt that Park and Recreation had obtained a sufficient level of interest from user groups, and that funding from user groups was imminent. The CPC members also noted that there was little other choice as substantial funds had already been committed and used in connection with the field acquisition and development. Paul Griffin brought all members current on negotiations with user groups and the chances for committed funds to match the CPC funds. The CPC members noted that a private-public partnership for bearing the costs of field construction is a good model for future field planning and support. The Finance Committee members took the matter under advisement, and later voted to support the Cutting Field article along with all other CPC articles.

#### Rail-Trail Study

Discussion then ensued regarding the rail-trail article. Members Wolfe and Stewart noted a concern for funding a feasibility study prior to receiving recommendations of the Rail-Trail Advisory Committee. Members Kablack and Bell noted that the feasibility study would not bind the town to any particular result, and that the feasibility study could be used as a tool by the Rail-Trail Advisory Committee and others in the Town to assess

whether any type of conversion would be possible. Member Wolfe noted additional concerns regarding the cost and scope of the feasibility study in comparison to studies done in other towns. The members as a whole felt comfortable at this time with prior votes taken to support this article, and no further action was taken.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Kablack, seconded by Dick Bell. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.