

Community Preservation Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, January 19, 2005
Town Hall

Members Present: Mark Kablack, Carole Wolfe, Steve Swanger, Dick Bell, Peter Glass, Chris Morely, Sheila Stewart

Members Not Present: Tara Reed, John Drobinski

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Update on Warrant Articles

Copies of the Warrant Articles submitted on January 3, 2005 were reviewed and minor changes were noted. Mark Kablack explained that changes were made to the wording of the budget article at the recommendation of the Town Accountant and Paul Kenney. Sue Peterson will work with Mark to prepare the motions for Town Meeting.

Libby Property Update

Mark Kablack informed the Committee that he and Tara Reed attended an Executive Session meeting with the Selectmen to discuss the proposed acquisition of the Libby property and the impact of bonding in the event that the town goes forward with the acquisition.

Finance Committee Presentation

It was noted that the Finance Committee meeting to review the Warrant Articles is scheduled for Monday, January 24. Sheila Stewart suggested that it might be helpful to the Finance Committee if the project spreadsheet was available to review as this spreadsheet shows how the debt service drops off each year. In addition, it would be helpful to be able to discuss the scope of the projects as well as the merits of bonding.

Community Preservation Coalition Conference

The Annual Community Preservation Coalition Conference is scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2005 at the Wellesley Town Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was noted that in the past this conference has provided helpful information for this committee and that splitting the sessions between several committee members works best. Chris Morely, Sheila Stewart, Carole Wolfe and Mark Kablack expressed an interest in attending the conference. More information on the conference will be available at the next meeting.

New Business

Mark Kablack informed the Committee that he was approached by a member of the Hop Brook Committee with an inquiry about the possibility of their committee requesting administrative funds for a Hop Brook Study. The Committee noted that any requests for CPA funds would have to follow the CPA Guidelines including support from other town Boards or Committees prior to submitting their request for funds.

Minutes of the December 15, 2004 Meeting

The minutes of the December 15, 2004 meeting were reviewed with the following corrections. A name correction to the Rail Trail presentation: Colleen was changed to Colin. Also, under the Historic Survey presentation, delete the number of units to be surveyed. A motion was made by Chris Morely, seconded by Carole Wolfe, to accept the minutes as amended. Vote 7-0 (unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.