

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 6, 2018

A public hearing of the Community Preservation Committee was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall, Selectmen's room.

Present: Doug Meagher, Chairman, Jim O'Donnell, Vice Chairman, Richard Scanlon, Secretary, Mary Leach, Member, Marlies Henderson, Member, Tom Conway, Member, Travis Brown, Member, Matt Battcock, Member and Joe Fiumara, Member.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Doug Meagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated the meeting was being recorded. Doug introduced Katie Mahoney, the CPC's new Community Preservation Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one came forward

PUBLIC HEARING ON CPA APPLICATIONS:

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Matt Battcock made motion to open the public hearing on CPA applications.

It was voted:

9 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Doug provided a brief background on the CPA in Billerica and went over the applications.

Town Manager, John Curran was invited up to speak on behalf of the questions that arose at the last CPC meeting in regards to the Peggy Hannon Rizza Complex (PHR) and the Yankee Doodle Bike Path. Mr. Curran had handouts for the CPC members and gave a brief history of what has been going on with the bike path first and took questions from the CPC members. Ellen Rawlings also stepped up to speak on behalf of the bike path to add a little more information. Next, Mr. Curran spoke about the PHR Complex and the issues the Recreation Department had with this project. There was a meeting between the Rec Dept., Town Manager, John Curran, Clancy Main and David Grubb as advised by the CPC. Those issues were ironed out in that meeting. Mr. Curran went on to give an update as to the plans for the (PHR) Complex. Mr. Curran took questions from the CPC members. Mr. Correnti from the Housing Authority spoke on the Housing Mary McBride stated that Michael Rea the Chairman of the Historic Districts Commission has written a personal letter in favor of the project and will be asking the commission to also vote in favor of the Howe School project. Mr. Curran also stated he hopes this project is voted on favorably. David Grubb came forward and spoke in regards to the PHR Complex.

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Matt Battcock made motion to close the public hearing on CPA applications.

It was voted: 9 – In favor
0 – Opposed

DELIBERATE AND VOTE ON TOWN MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS:

Doug went around the table and asked each CPC member on each project if they had any questions or concerns.

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Matt Battcock made motion to support item A, \$160,000 for the Billerica Affordable Housing Project.

It was voted: 9 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Jim O’Donnell made motion under item B1 to fund the Billerica Public Library preservation needs assessment \$6,135.

It was voted: 9 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Tom Conway made motion under item B2 the Billerica Historical Society, Clara Sexton Memorial Museum Preservation in the amount of \$101,000.

It was voted: 9 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Matt Battcock made motion under item B3 the Town of Billerica Howe School historic preservation for design in the amount of \$420,000.

It was voted: 9 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Joe Fiumara made motion under item B4 the Middlesex Canal Association historic preservation for the Middlesex Canal Museum in the amount of \$100,000.

It was voted: 9 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Joe Fiumara made motion under item C1 Town of Billerica Yankee Doodle Bike Path funding for design from 25 to 75%.

It was voted: 8 – In favor
0 – Opposed

(Marlies Henderson)

1 – Abstained

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Matt Battcock made motion under item C2 Town of Billerica Peggy Hannon Rizza Complex funding for design and reconfiguration in the amount of \$433,200.

It was voted:

9 – In favor
0 – Opposed

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Joe Fiumara made motion under item C3 Billerica Recreation Department funding for a disk golf course at Vietnam Veterans Park in the amount of \$17,806.

It was voted:

9 – In favor
0 – Opposed

MEETING SCHEDULE:

Doug has scheduled to speak with the Finance Committee on September 18 and has asked that the CPC members meet at 6:45 pm in room 110 for a brief 15 minute meeting prior to his meeting with the Finance Committee.

MINUTES:

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Mary Leach made the motion to accept the minutes of Aug 9, 2018 as amended.

It was voted:

6 – In favor
0 – Opposed
3 – Abstained

There were some concerns on the new format for the minutes; a couple of committee members would prefer more details. The state law on minutes does not require all the details. The Chairman asked for a motion on the minutes.

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Matt Battcock made the motion to accept the minutes of Aug 23, 2018.

It was voted:

9 – In favor
0 – Opposed

MISCELLANEOUS/CORRESPONDENCE – NOT OPEN FOR DISCUSSION:

Marlies returned to the agenda item on the warrant article, and would like the Coalition to take a look at the warrant article for their input. There was some discussion with the CPC members, the Community Development Director Rob Anderson and Town Manager John Curran.

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Mary Leach made a motion to run the warrant article for CPA expenditures in front of the fall town meeting by the Community Preservation Coalition.

It was voted:
Henderson, Mary Leach)

2 – In favor (Marlies

7 – Opposed

ADJOURNMENT:

Rich Scanlon, seconded by Tom Conway made motion to adjourn.

It was voted:

9 – In favor

0 – Opposed

Chairman Doug Meagher adjourned the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Joyce MacMillan
Recording Secretary