

**Community Preservation Committee
Minutes
February 17, 2015**

Present:

Chairperson Helen Dunlap, Mark Pease, Harvey Gagnon, Debra DeWitt, George Malonis, Louise Tremblay and Recording Secretary, Marylee Enos. Linda Kawa arrived near the end of the meeting. The meeting was held at the Town Hall, 62 Arlington St, Dracut, MA.

Absent: John Hassan and Don Plummer

Chairperson Helen Dunlap called the meeting to order 7:07 p.m.

Chairperson Helen Dunlap wanted to welcome Mr. Don Plummer as a new CPC board member, Mr. Plummer sent an email to the committee apologizing for not being there. He was away on business he is looking forward to being at the next meeting.

Minutes:

Harvey Gagnon made a motion to approve the February 3, 2015 minutes, Debra DeWitt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Open Space:

52 A Avis Ave:

The purchase order for the appraisal of 52A Avis Ave, which was submitted to the Town Manager, has been approved for Ken Croft from the Foster Company to start the appraisal for 52 A Avis Ave. Chairperson Helen Dunlap stated to the committee she is working on the APR with Chris Chisholm for this property.

761 Mammoth Rd:

The purchase order for the appraisal of 761 Mammoth Rd, which was submitted to the Town Manager, has been approved for Martin Burke of Martin Burke Appraisals to start his appraisal for this property

Wheeler Street:

No new update

520 Coburn:

Chairperson Helen Dunlap stated that she talked to Angela McCarthy to let her know that the CPC has enough on their plate right now for the June Town Meeting with two big articles going forward.

Helen explained the committee is still interested in looking into the property but needs to put it on hold for now. Angela McCarthy explained to Helen that she understands, but also asked Helen if she could write a letter to the owners of the property to state the committee is interested in the property.

George Malonis explained that we as a committee have to be careful if we write them a letter, George explained so far we have only discussed about possibly getting an appraisal. Louise Tremblay stated she's not sure if it is a good idea to be writing a letter. Debra DeWitt stated Angela McCarthy is probably more interested in us writing a letter so she can keep the contract.

Debra explained maybe the letter could state that the CPC would like to explore the property in the future.

Helen explained that she thinks the CPC could get this land for a good price.

Helen suggested to the board if it is all right with them she will draft a simple email and send it to the committee to review before sending it off to Angela McCarthy.

Recreation:

George Malonis stated there have been no recreation meetings with the snow lately.

Mark Pease stated that he has some concern that the Recreation Department will come in at the eleventh hour before the June Town Meeting to propose costly projects that have to get done quickly by the CPC.

George Malonis explained to Mark as far as he knows nothing has come up at the meetings other than the design being completed for the bathrooms at Monahan Park. George stated, that project is done and the turf at the High School track complex and Hovey field will be probably be the two items possibly going forward for the June Town Meeting.

Affordable Housing Presentation

Shelly Goering from MAHA is set to come to the March 3rd meeting, along with the Selectmen and the Housing Authority.

Historical:

No new update

CPC Signs:

No new update

Needs and Possibilities Plan:

Chairperson Helen Dunlap explained to the committee that she will invite Karen Merrill to an upcoming meeting to talk about the Open Space Landowners forum she brought up at the Needs & Possibilities Meeting the CPC had held for input in January.

New Business:

Helen stated to the committee that she has been asked by Capital Planning to come to their meeting to present the upcoming projects that the CPC has for this year.

Helen also explained that she has been invited by the State Senate, along with anyone else who wants to attend from the board, to the Commonwealth Conservation Tour, this session will be

held at Salvatore's Restaurant in Lawrence, Massachusetts on February 23, at 7:00 p.m. It is a Town Hall style event to allow the Senate to hear from local business, non-profits, and municipal officials and other constituents about what's important to them.

Old Business:

Chairperson Helen Dunlap let the committee know the Annual Report has been sent in to the Town Clerks Office.

Next Meeting:

March 3, 2015

Linda Kawa made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Mark Pease, seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Helen Dunlap
Richard Allen
Louise Tremblay
Harvey J. Gagnon

Mark H. Pease