

**Community Preservation Committee  
Minutes  
May 5, 2015**

**Present:**

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

**Absent:**

John Hassan

Chairperson Helen Dunlap called the meeting to order 7:05 p.m.

**Minutes:**

Linda Kawa made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting, Harvey Gagnon seconded the motion. The motion passed. Debra DeWitt made a motion to accept the April 13, 2015 Executive Session minutes, Mark Pease seconded the motion. The motion passed. Louise Tremblay mad a motion to accept the April 21, 2015 meeting minutes, Mark Pease seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Open Space:**

**650 Marsh Hill Rd: Yapp Farm**

Pat Dawson from 600 Marsh Hill Rd came to the meeting tonight to see if this property can be preserved from the CPC. Assistant Town Manager, Glen Edwards showed the board the map of the property, explaining is approximately a 25 acre piece of land. It is zoned R1.

Pat Dawson came to speak at the meeting tonight, stating she would like to get the land preserved that is in a trust with her and her brother and sister. Pat stated she has lived at this address for more than 50 years, her Mother passed away 10 years ago and left the land in a trust to her and her siblings. Pat owns the land at 600 Marsh Hill Rd., and the 3 siblings own the rest at 650 Marsh Hill, which is what would be preserved. They would like to sell the land outright to the Town, she explained.

Chairperson Helen Dunlap stated she has the application and all the necessary paperwork from the family to get this started, including the trust.

Louise Tremblay made a motion to have Glen Edwards get an appraisal for the Highest and Best use for 650 Marsh Hill Rd, Linda Kawa seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Edwards explained he will get a recommendation from Town Council on an Appraiser.

**761 Mammoth Rd:**

Assistant Town Manager, Glen Edwards explained to the board that he received an email from Fran Sagendorf, letting him know the second Appraisal should be done at the beginning of next week. Mr. Edwards explained to the Chairperson Helen Dunlap she probably will have to set up a special meeting when the appraisal comes in.

**52A Avis Ave:**

Chairperson Helen Dunlap explained to the board that, this is in the hands of APR now. Chris Chisolm is working with Gail Fox with setting deadlines, having a site visit and processing paperwork.

Louise Tremblay asked if this will be in time for this June's Town Meeting, Helen stated no, the APR could probably not vote on until August or September. It could come back to the CPC for the November Town Meeting. The money would be available later when the state budget allocates it, and CPA funds would be given to the family at the same time. Helen stated the family is hoping Alden Fox who is 95 years old will be able to see this through.

Mark Pease asked if the Article got pulled for the June Town Meeting. Helen stated yes, she called the Town Clerk to take it off.

**Change in CPC Percentages:**

Chairperson Helen Dunlap explained that she was blindsided, when the change of percentages came up at the last meeting.

Louise Tremblay stated that the Affordable Housing Project can't be done without the changes.

Mark Pease stated that this still has to be voted on at Town Meeting.

George Malonis stated he thinks someone should get up and explain to the residents at Town Meeting on this Article for the Affordable Housing Project, on how this will affect the allocation for this fiscal year and future allocations.

Chairperson Helen Dunlap stated that Town Manager, Jim Duggan stated he would get up to explain this at Town Meeting.

**Affordable Senior Housing Project:**

Glen Edwards stated to the board that the Town Meeting Article for the Greenmont Ave /Springpark Ave project has been filed with the Town Clerks Office.

**Recreation:**

George Malonis let the board know that there were no bids received on the Monahan bathroom project. Mr. Malonis also stated that the bids are ready to go out for the High School Track Bathrooms.

**Old Business:**

Chairperson Helen Dunlap stated that Angela McCarthy from 520 Colburn Ave contacted her to see if the CPC is still interested in preserving the property. Helen said this property would be on the agenda at the May 19 meeting so members should be ready to consider it.

**New Business:**

Skrekas barn on Mammoth Rd.

Jim and Ellen Skrekas, from 737 Mammoth Rd came to the meeting tonight to see if anything could be done through the CPC to preserve their Barn on their property. They explained they are at the beginning stages on how to find out if their Barn is historical, and they would like to see what kind of assistance is available on how they should go about it.

Don Plummer asked how old the barn was, Mr. Skrekas stated it was built in 1860.

Harvey Gagnon explained that it would be hard to preserve with CPC funds, also once one project is done like that everyone would want to do it. He also said the process of getting something on the Historical Register was difficult.

Chairperson Helen Dunlap explained that there are many barns in town that should be preserved and unfortunately CPC cannot fund them all.

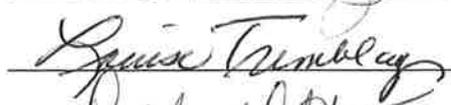
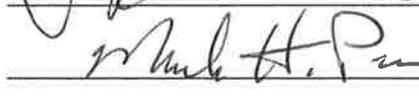
Harvey Gagnon invited Mr. and Mrs. Skrekas to the next Historical Meeting, the Historical Board can look into it more if they come in to the meeting before the Historical Board. The family thanked the CPC and Mr. Gagnon for his guidance.

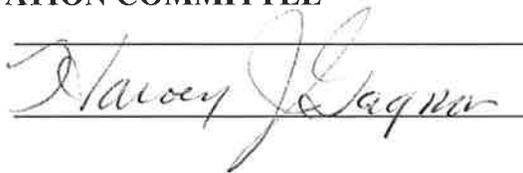
Presentation for Town Meeting on 761 Mammoth

Don Plummer showed the board a power point presentation that he would like to show at the Town Meeting, from the Vision Committee. It shows the land and some potential uses for the 761 Mammoth Rd Article. The board gave Mr. Plummer a few suggestions and told him it was a great presentation for him to show for Town Meeting.

Louise Tremblay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, Mark Pease seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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