

**TOWN OF HAMILTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
NOVEMBER 7, 2015**

The Board of Selectmen met at Winthrop School at 8:35 a.m. on Saturday, November 7, 2015 with Scott Maddern, Marc Johnson, Shawn Farrell, Bill Wilson (arrived at 8:50 a.m.) present. Town Counsel Donna Brewer, Town Manager Michael Lombardo, Finance Director Brian Connelly, FinCom Chair Rick Sprenkle, Community Preservation Committee Chair Tom Catalano and Vice Chair Jay Butler, HW Recreation Board Chair Steve Ozahowski, and Chris LaPointe, ECGA also present.

**Call to order**

Scott Maddern called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**CPC/Sagamore Hill Project: discussion of a sunset provision**

Discussion ensued about how the Selectmen had unanimously expressed support at Board of Selectmen meeting this past Monday for a sunset provision for the Sagamore Hill project. The sunset provision would be an amendment to the Article 2-4: Conservation Restriction on Sagamore Hill motion and include a deadline for funding (i.e., June 30, 2017).

Chris LaPointe stated that his preference was that there would not be an amendment but sunset provision added to the original motion with June 30, 2017 as funding deadline. He said this could relate to state funding schedule for funds that could ultimately be applied to land acquisition by Land for Public Trust and Greenbelt.

Steve Ozahowski stated that two Hamilton Recreation Board members were concerned about how the Town could use CPA funding for the Sagamore Hill project and turf field. He was interested in the sunset provision (in light of length of time it took for Hamilton to approve Patton Park pool project) and thought the Town could do both Sagamore Hill and turf projects. LaPointe noted that there could be snags in state funding.

Marc Johnson opined that the sunset provision was intended to allow the CPC to repurpose the money for the Sagamore Hill project if the project does not come to fruition. Tom Catalano questioned why BOS thought a sunset clause was needed when every six months the Town Meeting can revisit CPA projects and related funding.

Maddern opined about the purpose of the sunset provision was as it relates to private funding. LaPointe said 2015 year-end deadline is driving private fundraising effort. Johnson noted that the conversation the BOS had on the sunset provision was to clear the CPC's obligation of the Sagamore Hill project if it is not going to happen. Shawn Farrell said he had rethought the Board's sunset provision conversation and stated that this project funding could go back to CPC if there are changes in how the CPA project moves forward. Town Counsel Donna Brewer said the CPC can close out a CPA funded project if it is completed and there is money left over; it would not have to go back to Town Meeting for a vote. If the Sagamore Hill project does not go forward, a simple majority would be needed to rescind the vote, and two thirds vote at Town Meeting would be required for the money to revert back to the CPA reserves.

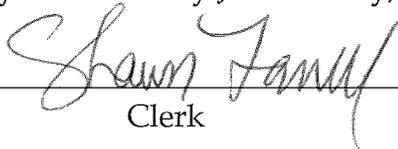
Catalano expressed his concern that the sunset provision would indicate tepid support from the BOS for the article and project since the Board has not taken this action in the past with CPC articles. Board members noted that warrant states that the BOS has recommended favorable action on the article. LaPointe said that ECGA has raised \$500,000 towards its private fundraising goal and private donors are waiting to see today's results of Town Meeting vote on the article.

Maddern noted how the CPC could be asked to change the motion with a sunset date changed from December 31, 2015 to June 30, 2017. Johnson said he did not think the sunset provision was necessary now after the Town officials' discussion. Town Counsel reiterated if project is not started the vote would come back to Town Meeting. Farrell said he was fine with the motion as it is currently with no funding deadline date.

Bill Wilson moved to add a December 31, 2016 (funding deadline) date to the motion for Article 2-4. Maddern seconded the motion. VOTE: 2-2 with Wilson and Maddern in favor, Johnson and Farrell opposed. Article 2-4 will remain with the original language that contains no funding deadline date.

Maddern entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:56 a.m. Johnson so moved. Farrell seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST:   
Clerk