

**Town of Hamilton  
Community Preservation Committee  
March 14, 2013 Minutes**

**Attendees**

The meeting was held in the Memorial Room of Town Hall with the following Committee members in attendance: Ed Howard, Jay Butler, Ray Whipple, Robert Preston, Keith Glidden, and Nepo Trepanier. Christine Berry as CPC Coordinator was also present. With a quorum of CPC members present the meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

**Acceptance of Minutes from February 14<sup>th</sup> CPC Meeting**

The minutes from the February 14<sup>th</sup> CPC meeting were accepted.

**Discover Hamilton Trail Update** – Alex Van Alan, from Essex County Trails Association (ECTA), was present to give an update on the Discover Hamilton Trail CPA project. Alex reported that the Schooling Field Trust was not willing to do an easement, but was willing to create a trail. He reported that ECTA volunteers completed signage of the entire trail, which is now 10 miles long. He said they were able to create some boardwalk trails. A draft map has been created and can be linked to the Town's website as well as ECTA's. Alex said they are working on other easements, but that those easements won't be co-held with the Town.

Alex said that ECTA is planning to host a grand opening of the Discover Hamilton Trail on May 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Patton Park. He said they are also working on a database of trails.

**Hamilton Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT) Update** - The CPC reviewed a memo that was sent by Kristin Keetham, Planning Board Coordinator, who is helping the MAHT. The memo focused on the progress the Trust is making on an update of the Housing Production Plan. Ed reported that the Planning Board has sent in lengthy comments on the plan. Ray Whipple wondered how much land was really available for affordable housing development in Town. Keith Glidden added that land cannot be taken by eminent domain for this purpose. Ed added that sewerage is a big issue, and makes development difficult. CPA funds can be used to pay for a sewerage study. Christine will let Kristin know.

**CPA Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review** – The CPC reviewed the final CPA budget for Annual Town Meeting. The budget was approved.

**Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.