

**Town of Hamilton
Community Preservation Committee
May 12, 2016 Minutes**

Attendees

The meeting was held at Hamilton Town Hall with the following Committee members in attendance: Chair Tom Catalano, Vice Chair Jay Butler, Shawn Farrell, Robert Preston, Peter Britton, Mimi Fanning. Community Projects Coordinator Dorr Fox also present. Tom Catalano called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Acceptance of minutes from April 14, 2016 CPC meetings

Jay Butler moved to accept the minutes of April 14, 2016. Robert Preston seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Committee Member reports

There was no report from the Historic District Commission. Mimi Fanning reported that the Hamilton Housing Authority is going to file a CPA application for a couple of projects (i.e., security on housing doors, tree removal).

Discussion was on the All Boards meeting to be held at the Miles River Middle School multi-purpose room on May 25 that will be hosted by the Affordable Housing Trust possibly along with the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. The topic of the meeting is the Longmeadow Way Chapter 40B project. Also mentioned was the state preference to fund family versus senior housing, and Chapter 40R (a municipal version of 40B).

Shawn Farrell, BOS liaison, provided an update on Patton Park pool where the gunite is done and tiling will begin as well as decking. The bathhouses should be completed in two weeks. The pool should be open in early July or by July 15. For the Patton Homestead, \$90,000 in renovation work is estimated to make the property accessible (i.e., ADA), plumbing, pool demolition, regrading and parking lot, repairs to windows and cedar shingles. The intent is to get work done so people can use the site this summer. The RFP has not gone out yet for a project manager for the non-profit as Board of Incorporators transitions to Board of Directors. In about a month there will no longer be a property manager so there is interest in a security system as well as a sprinkler system for the Homestead.

Discussion addressed how the Land Acquisition Committee has met about three times to define criteria associated with the Land Acquisition policy with first focus on Chapter 61 properties in Town. Also mentioned was how a consultant is involved in addition to the Open Space Committee relative to water protection, analysis of school buildings, etc. Since 2008 the Town has doubled its Chapter 61 property from 800 acres to more than 1,700 acres. Hamilton's tax rate is up 2% to offset the loss of tax revenue from the Chapter 61 properties. Discussion was on how Chapter 61R properties are supposed to allow public access for recreation but this is not publicized; the CPC could research these properties with the Assessors Department.

Preparation for May 24, 2016 CPC Public Hearing

Discussion ensued about updates to last year’s public hearing presentation (i.e., CPA reserve numbers). The Committee noted that the City of Boston has adopted CPA with a 1% surcharge and expected match is \$20 million which could impact distribution of state CPA matching funds to other communities with CPA. The CPC noted that Keith Glidden will no longer be the Conservation Commission liaison to the CPC and another ConCom member will be recommended. Also mentioned was that an increase in the surcharge for Hamilton would be presented (i.e., 2% to 3%). Tom Catalano will do the presentation at the hearing. Other topics discussed for the presentation were a listing of the number of communities in the state that have adopted CPA as well as those municipalities that have a 3% surcharge.

CPC Survey

Discussion was on how CPC survey would be publicized on Town’s social media platforms and would remain active for user response until a week from Monday. It was noted that 110 residents in Town get the abatement for CPA. Farrell summarized results of the Town wide survey relative to CPA.

Future Grants

Discussion addressed Housing Authority application, and American Legion roof project.

CPC Plan

The Committee will review suggested edits to pages to be updated in the current CPC plan.

New Business

Mimi Fanning is the new Hamilton Housing Authority liaison.

Adjournment

Peter Britton moved to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Butler seconded the motion. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Dooley, Minutes Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Thomas Catalano Chairman