

PLYMPTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)
Minutes 08-22-2023 Open Meeting
Held In-Person in the Deborah Sampson Room – Plympton Town House

Members in attendance

- Present: CPC members-Mark Russo, Rick Burnet, Paul D'Angelo, Irv Butler, Alan Wheelock, and Jane Schulze.
- Absent: Deb Anderson, Justin Shepherd, Nancy Butler

Call To Order

- At 6:01 PM Mark called the meeting to order.

Re-organization, Designation of Roles

- Mark began the meeting by noting that the Community Preservation Committee needed to confirm administrative roles going forward, since this had not been done for a while. After a brief discussion, the following roles were agreed upon:
 - Mark was re-elected Chairman
 - Deb Anderson was re-elected as Vice Chair.
 - Mark will continue as Treasurer
 - Deb will continue as Recording Secretary

Minutes Approval

- The minutes for the March 28th, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved as edited.

Review of the 2023 Community Preservation Plan

- Mark facilitated a review of a document that he had e-mailed to members on August 21st, 2023. In this document he summarized the suggested edits that he had received from several CPC members. The content of this document was as follows:

REVIEW OF 2022 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN
August 22,2023

- Page 1, third paragraph – add that BLRC is also represented on the CPC?
(Alan)

- Page 4 Paragraph 1 – Land Resources- All data refers to the 1999 Old Colony Planning Council Data Book. Would be appropriate to update to most current data. (Jane)
- Page 4 Paragraph 2 – last sentence should read: They are discussed in the 2016 Plympton Open Space and Recreation Plan. (Jane)
- Page 5 – the Open Space Committee is actively working on updating the Open Space goals, having recently completed a new survey of Plympton residents. Not sure if the timing of the update of the goals will work with finalizing the CPC plan – but it might. (Alan)
- Page 5 – Paragraph 2 – “These are discussed in the Inventory of Land of Land of Conservation Interest in the 2016 Plympton Open Space and Recreation Plan.” (Jane)
- Page 5-Paragraph 4 – Another reference to 1999 Old Colony Planning Council Data Book. (Jane)
- Page 5-Paragraph 4 – according to assessor’s office, 684 acres were classified as bogs in 2022 (Mark)
- Page 5-Open Space Goals – Please see 2016 Open Space and Recreation Plan for goals. There are five goals at present – not seven. (Jane)
- Page 6, second paragraph – I think the word “burning” should be “burying”? (Alan)
- Page 6 – under Historic Resources – would it make any sense to document the existence of “Tales of Old Plympton” Volumes I and II? (Alan)
- Page 7- Under Other Landscapes of Note – add a bullet for: Two Brooks Preserve off Prospect Road. Formerly cranberry bogs, this one hundred fifty-acre Preserve is home to several endangered species of wildlife. (Jane)
- Page 7 – Should the Commonwealth’s new mandate regarding affordable housing in towns served by the MBTA be mentioned? (Alan)

- *Page 10 – Recreation Goals - These goals are from the former Recreation Committee many years ago. A check with Mark Reilly, current chair of the Plympton Recreation Committee would be helpful for this section of the CPA Plan (Jane)*

Update On-going Projects

- Mark noted that the Committee needs to prepare for the upcoming open application period. As part of that preparation, he said that he will run a public announcement about the application period in the local paper – *The Halifax/Plympton/Kingston Express*. He also said that he had written to the Chair of the Plympton Recreational Committee informing them about CPC and how CPC might be able to help them achieve their goals.
- In regard to the Turkey Swamp land preservation project, Mark provided the following updates:
 - The purchase and sale of this property is still not quite completed.
 - The state recently agreed to a one-year extension on the grant that it had awarded to Plympton. This grant is a key component of the funding to acquire the land.
 - Mark stated that the agreement appears to be moving towards the Town acquiring 240 acres of Turkey Swamp, versus the 300+ acres in the original deal. However, it is hoped that the remaining 60 acres will eventually be donated to the town.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Wheelock