

**PLYMPTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)**  
**Minutes 12-12-2023 Open Meeting in person**

**Members in attendance**

Present: CPC members Mark Russo, Deb Anderson, Alan Wheelock, Nancy Butler, Irving Butler, Justin Shepherd, Rick Burnet, and Jane Schulze. Paul D'Angelo was not in attendance.

**Call To Order**

At 5:30 PM Mark called the meeting to order. On the agenda were the follow-up proposals from the Town Properties Committee for the Town House front door restoration project and the Recreation Committee Holt Fields Lighting and Upgrades project.

**Minutes Approval**

Chairman Russo noted that the name of the Town Properties Committee needed correction and he added a sentence to clarify. Alan Wheelock moved to approve the minutes of November 7, 2023 as amended; Justin Shepherd seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**CPC Balances**

Chairman Russo gave the following balances in CPC "buckets":

Budget Open Space - \$10,000

Historical Preservation - \$60,000

Community Housing - \$149,000

Budget Reserve - \$65,000

Administration Expense - \$5,000 (less \$875 in CPA dues paid at the last meeting.

Undesignated Fund balance-\$409,000

**Revised projects**

Town House Front Door Project. Jon Wilhelmsen spoke to the project pointing out that this is a scaled-down version of the earlier \$190,000 project. An evaluation of the project was given to CPC members by Habeeb & Associates, Architects, giving the total anticipated expense as \$60,500. Irving Butler said that he was in favor of doing the entire \$190,000 project as the prices are only going to go up. There was some discussion as to whether all aspects of the original proposal would qualify for CPC funding but that the scaled down version would meet CPC regulations as to how the funds can be spent. Chairman Russo asked the

committee to vote as to whether or not the project should be brought forward to ask for consideration and feedback from other Plympton boards and committees at our February meeting. Shepherd moved to bring the project forward, Wheelock was the second. The motion carried unanimously.

The Recreation Committee's updated proposal for Lighting and Upgrades to the Holt Field was presented by Mark Reilly. New estimates for work done, and for the lighting to be used that will be consistent with Plympton's "Dark Skies" bylaw, among other items, caused the project to increase in cost. The new proposal is for \$70,000 in CPC share. One of the plusses of this project is that it will include a walking path around the ball fields that can be used by a wide range of the population. Russo moved that the project be advanced to the next stage, to comment and feedback by other boards and committees. Nancy Butler seconded the motion. Shepherd had reservations about the increase in cost and chose to abstain while he studied the project further. The motion carried.

#### **Schedule next Meeting**

The Committee will next meet February 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Deborah Samson Room at the Plympton Town House to continue deliberations on the two projects and hear comments and feedback from other boards and committees, and whatever items may come before the board for discussion and/or action.

#### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Anderson