

**PLYMPTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015, 6:00 P.M.**

Greetings/Opening - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. CPC members in attendance: Mark Russo, Judy Dudley, Deb Anderson, Jane Schulze, Rick Burnet, Dave Chandler, Susan Ossoff. Irv Butler was absent. Guest - Jon Wilhelmsen.

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the December 9 meeting were reviewed and approved. Mark Russo made a motion that we accept the minutes from the meeting and Susan Ossoff seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Project Updates

1. Winnetuxet Project – The tree work is complete. The benches are being raised and refurbished. The Historical Commission has been contacted about verbiage on the sign. Excavation will begin on the next day off. (Note: the contractor is a cranberry grower, so it is a busy time right now.) Mass Fish & Game stocks the Winnetuxet River with trout each spring, and they have been contacted about the possibility of stocking the renovated “swim hole” at Winnetuxet. No answer yet. Rick mentioned that they are considering subbing out the work to a contractor to try to speed this along. He will keep us updated. No new updates.
2. Vault –The lighting is done and it is painted; however, there are still some delays on this project. The vault still needs shelves and an alarm, which is the most critical piece. No new updates
3. Churchill Park Project – The town really came together to lay down numerous planks for the boardwalk. Rick said he also already has some inscribed planks that have been completed.
4. Historical Society Lift – the chairlift is installed and is working great. The invoice has not arrived yet, but as soon as it does they will forward to CPC for payment. No new updates.
5. Planning grant to Open Space in the amount of \$15k – have not spent any of that grant yet. Have employed Cape Cod Compact to submit proposal which can, perhaps, be used for Parsonage project. No new updates.
6. Parsonage – CPC has received a concept document as well as inquiries about its willingness to consider an application from the Plympton Open Space Committee to fund the purchase of USDA owned land on Parsonage Road. USDA no longer wants to own the 36.5 acre Parsonage parcel, and they are now advertising for bids. While it was hoped that USDA would not put the property out to bid and would transfer it to the town, we have been notified that USDA does plan to advertise the bid and they are giving us notice of their intentions. Susan said she does see a potential financial/timing roadblock in the USDA stipulation that bids must be submitted by April 1 and with a 10% deposit. We all agree, however, that there are many positive reasons to obtain the land, e.g. we could clean up the property, create more conservation land, etc.

Deb Anderson made a motion to the CPC members present that we communicate w/ Linda Leddy and the Open Space Committee that we are willing to consider the project application along the lines of the concept paper submitted. Jane seconded. Mark Russo spoke as a private citizen and recused himself from voting. All others were in favor.

Open Space will need to follow up with a formal application stating that the town is interested.

Other Business

1. Community Preservation Coalition \$300 Annual Dues bill was submitted for payment. Mark Russo made a motion that we renew our annual dues. Susan Ossoff seconded and all other members were in favor.
2. Mark also shared with the committee that the Community Preservation Coalition has adjusted the recording fees at the registries of deeds, thereby increasing trust fund revenue to support a 50% first round match for CPA communities. This is good news for us since it increases our chances of getting a 50% match.

Next Meeting Our next meeting is scheduled for March 3, at 6:00 p.m. The focus of this meeting will be to discuss next steps on USDA proposal for Parsonage Road .

Adjournment: Mark Russo made a motion to adjourn. Susan seconded and the CPC unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Dudley on behalf of the CPC.