

## **PLYMPTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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, Irv Butler, Susan Ossoff and Dave Chandler. Guest in attendance on behalf of Open Space Committee, Linda Leddy.

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the March 3 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected. Deb Anderson made a motion that we accept the minutes from the meeting and Jane Schulze seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved. Susan Ossoff abstained from the vote.

### Project Updates

1. Churchill Park Project – Rick Burnet reported that there are about 100 planks left to be engraved and installed. Parking lot gravel is in town. They now plan to put down a little more gravel than originally expected due to lack of light to grow grass. Winding down on funds and have decided to spend remaining \$1,260 partially on wood and wood kiosks.
2. Winnetuxet – The excavating machine should be delivered tomorrow and they should begin immediately.
3. Vault project – no update. Mark will check in on status of this tomorrow.
4. Open Space Update - Linda Leddy explained that the Open Space Committee's purpose of setting up a \$15k reacquisition fund is to have money in place so that we can react in case opportunities arise. Examples are: Open Space made an offer to buy a 2 acre strip on the Ring Road Arrowsmith property. The offer fell through though because it couldn't compete with other offers. The second was the Murdock house which is bank owned but this also didn't work out. Third is the Roger Oneil property. Oneil has been giving us access through Ring Road to Cato's Ridge property. The \$15k money was not actually used for this because Oneil has actually donated his marsh land to the town. The Deed has been drafted and signed and Roger will receive tax benefits once the deal is complete. The town cannot accept the deed, however, until his dam is fixed. Once everything is approved, excavating will begin on the land.
5. Parsonage Road Update – Linda updated us that Parsonage has also come up as a possible reacquisition project. The Parsonage parcel is currently owned by USDA. Open Space had the property evaluated and it was valued at less than the \$215k that USDA is asking. Open Space sent in a letter of interest and had a meeting with USDA on April 15. USDA granted Open Space the time they need to complete due diligence to make sure the town is protected and there are no unforeseen risks. Open Space has \$10k to spend on the exploration. So far they have spent some money on initial appraisal, will spend also spend \$1,700 on an environmental assessment. Have also started a title search because it's not one parcel, it's likely to be six or seven parcels. Rick added that if environmental is "Phase 1", then "Phase 2" would get more technical and begin looking for toxics. Awaiting advice from town council toxic risk advisor with respect to how much testing needs to be done between trailers, barn and house. In addition we would also need to spend money after purchase on demolition. Open Space has already begun to get some demolition estimates.

### Other Business

1. Linda volunteered to attend the affordable housing seminar which costs \$125. Mark Russo made a motion that CPC pay for her fee and Rick Burnet seconded. All were in favor.
2. A motion was made by Susan Ossoff that CPC give approval to pay Open Space title search expenditures, up \$3,500, out of remaining Fiscal 2015 administrative funds. Rick Burnet seconded. All were in favor.
3. Reappointments to CPC are as follows: Irv (Planning Board Rep) is up for reappointment, and he would like to be reappointed; Jane (Historical Rep) is up for reappointment, and the Historical Committee has already agreed to reappointment Jane; Dave Chandler is up for reappointment, and he would like to be reappointed. Selectmen will approve all reappointments.
4. Other possible project discussed was the gazebo. This could be a great CPC project but needs a champion.
5. There is \$2,544 left in historical society chairlift project. Mark Russo made a motion that we authorize the \$2,544 be returned to budget reserve. Jane seconded. All were in favor/none opposed.
6. Mark noted that at our next meeting we need to complete the annual review of the CPC Plan. Members should read over the plan and get any suggested edits to Mark prior to July

Next Meeting Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14.

Adjournment: Irv made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jane seconded and the CPC unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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