

**PLYMPTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016, 6:00 P.M.**

Greetings/Opening - The CPC meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. CPC members in attendance: Mark Russo, Judy Dudley, Jane Schulze, Irv Butler, Deb Anderson and Dave Chandler. **The meeting was opening to a public hearing at 6:05 pm.**

Public Hearing Notes:

Mark Russo, CPC Chair, addressed the group and explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to consider the Open Space Committee's application to CPC for funding.

The following exhibit documents were presented to the group:

Exhibit A – Public hearing protocol.

Exhibit B- Public notice

Exhibit C – The Open Space Committee's application for funding

Exhibits D1 and D2 – Council on Aging comments.

Mark invited anyone present to speak in favor of or against the Open Space Application.

-Vickie Albierti, Open Space Co-Chair, spoke in favor of the proposal. She stated that the OSC does not want to lose out on future opportunities to acquire parcels that may become available. She further stated that the OSC has a favorable history of spending judiciously any funds that have been provided.

-Linda Leddy, OSC Co-Chair, also spoke in favor. Adding that should the CPC money be granted to OSC, the money will be used three ways. 1) To provide technical assistance to people who own parcels that could benefit from having land transferred to the town (tax credit.) 2) In cases that are desirable to OSC the donor may need pre-acquisition work done e.g. title search, boundary appraisal, etc. and funding could help offset the costs of this to make it happen. 3) When applying to The State for "owner unknown land" valued at \$65k or less, the town pays a modest fee. This money could help cover this fee.

-Jon Wilhelmsen also spoke in favor. Jon stated that many times when attempting to make these types of acquisitions without immediate funds available, timing is of the essence. This may be one of the only ways to ensure we don't miss opportunities like these and continue to preserve Plympton making it a better place to live in the future.

Jane Schulze asked OSC if they could reiterate where their previous funds have been spent. Linda Leddy gave a recap as follows:

\$45k was given to OSC and spent as follows:

-\$26k was used to buy Churchill Park.

-\$15k from 2014 – OSC has about \$8,500 left. Spent \$3k (\$1,750 on enviro consultant and \$1,300 on preliminary appraisal) on Parsonage and \$4,000 on O’Neil.

6:30 pm : Evidentiary part of hearing complete.

Mark Russo makes a motion to recommend the OSC proposal to Town Meeting. Irv Butler seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

The Public Hearing concluded and the regular CPC meeting continued as follows:

Minutes Approval – The minutes from the November 24 meeting were reviewed and approved as amended. Deb Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended and Judy Dudley seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Project Updates

1. Winnetuxet – Signage up. Drained water, placed rocks , and refilled. Project very close to being complete. Andy Karparis has indicated kayak launch is not achievable and, therefore, Andy considers The Winnetuxet Project to be complete. Mark Russo will take a look at the project and if deemed complete, the unused money will be returned to the proper reserve fund.
2. Open Space Update- Churchill Park Project – Waiting for conservation restriction approval.
3. Parsonage – the property has been bought by a private citizen.

Other Business

1. No bills submitted for payment.
2. University of Illinois document sent by Mark – some did not receive or were unable to open. Mark will resend that doc.

Next Meeting: Next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1 , at 6:00 pm.

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

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