



BOXBOROUGH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

June 16, 2022

(Approved August 4, 2022)

Remote (Zoom) Meeting, Open to the Public

Pursuant to Extension of Executive Order of March 12, 2020

Votes on All Motions Are by Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Reip, Chair, Conservation Commission
Hugh Fortmiller, Clerk, At-large
Rita Gibes Grossman, Vice Chair, At-large
John Neyland, Agricultural Commission
Priya Sundaram, Finance Committee
Ron Vogel, Housing Board

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Hilary Greven, Recreation Commission
Robin Lazarow, Planning Board
Alan Rohwer, Historical Commission

EX OFFICIO MEMBER ABSENT: Wes Fowlks, Select Board Liaison

VISITOR: John Fallon, prospective At-large CPC Member

DOCUMENTS:

- Agenda for June 16, 2022
- Draft of CPC Minutes from April 7, 2022
- Email from Town Clerk (June 13, 2022): "Clarification of Public Records Law"
- Email from CP Coalition inviting applications for the Coalition Steering Committee

7:02 PM – After taking a roll call for a quorum (six of nine members present), Chair Dennis Reip called the meeting to order.

1. Review and Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2022: Rita **moved** to approve the minutes as revised. Ron **seconded** the motion. **VOTE: Passed**, 6-0. Unanimous.

2. Correspondence:

- **Clarification of Public Records Law:** Dennis called attention to the email distribution to CPC members of the message forwarded by Becky Harris (Town Clerk) from Jennifer Campbell (Select Board Chair) and Dennis Reip (Town Moderator) clarifying for Town board and committee members the rules regarding records which are subject to release and those which are not subject to release under the Public Records Law.

- **CP Coalition invitation to apply for Coalition Steering Committee membership:** Email received June 8, 2022. **ACTION: Hugh** will forward the email to all CPC members, including those who are waiting for appointment to the CPC.

3. Recap of 2022 Annual Town Meeting CPC/CPA Articles: Dennis observed that all went well; the majority of CPC articles appearing on **the consent agenda passed** with no discussion. Lisa St. Amand, Clerk of Boxborough Conservation Trust (BCT), with help from Tom Bieber, BCT Treasurer, gave a thorough and strong presentation of the article asking for approval of a bond for **land acquisition at 95-105 Sargent Road; the article passed** well beyond the two-thirds vote required. Approval of CPA funding followed. CPC member and BCT President Rita explained that **Sudbury Valley Trust (SVT) will acquire the land.** The BCT will oversee the Town's State grant application for conservation land purchase, due on July 14, 2022. **Should the Town receive the grant in the late fall, the Town will purchase the land from SVT. If the grant is not received, the bond will pay SVT for the land.**

4. Changes in CPC Membership beginning July 1 2022: Hugh has declined reappointment for his At-large CPC position to join the Town Administrator Search Committee and continue on the Building Committee; **John Fallon is expected to fill the CPC At-large position.** Upon his election as Town Moderator, Dennis has resigned from the Conservation Commission (ConsCom) and therefore can no longer fill the CPC ConsCom position; **Liz Markiewicz is expected to fill the CPC ConsCom position.** Hilary Given has declined reappointment for the Recreation Commission (RecCom) CPC position; **Becca Edson is expected to fill the CPC RecCom position.** Robin Lazarow's term on the Planning Board (PB) has ended, and she will no longer fill the CPC PB position; **Kathy Vorce is expected to fill the CPC PB position. The Select Board is expected to approve these four appointments on June 20, 2022.** CPC members thanked Dennis for his leadership skills as CPC Chair and membership since the CPC was established in 2014, Hugh for his membership since 2014 and recent work as CPC Clerk, and Hilary and Robin for their significant CPC contributions.

5. Discussion of New Officers: The CPC briefly discussed which returning members might consider becoming a new officer; no one expressed immediate interest. Given that one returning member was absent from this meeting, and given that four new members will join the CPC on July 1, 2022, and given that this meeting has a quorum of only six members (two of whom will be leaving the CPC), **a consensus was reached to table the election of officers until the next meeting. As the current Vice Chair, Rita agreed to serve as Acting Chair for the next meeting;** Rita, Priya, John Neyland, Ron, and John Fallon said they would be able to attend the next meeting on July 21, 2022. Members pointed out that Dennis has established ties to significant help from Mary Nardwairski and others in Town Hall to prepare budget studies, update reports, handle CPC applications, and oversee CPA funds. **ACTION: Dennis** agreed that he will support the next CPC Chair with guidance, forms, and notes. **ACTION: Hugh** will send out the minutes from this meeting for revision and eventual approval for the new Clerk to post in July.

NEXT MEETING: A REMOTE MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 21, 7:30 PM: Election of Officers.

There being no further business, Rita **moved** to adjourn; Ron **seconded** the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous, 6-0.

7:57: Dennis adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hugh Fortmiller, Clerk