

TOWN OF ACTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

MEETING MINUTES

June 23, 2020

7:30 PM

MEETING HELD BY ZOOM TELECONFERENCE AND AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

Present: Ray Yacoub (Chair) Dean Charter (Clerk), Tory Beyer, Amy Green, Carolyn Kilpatrick, Bill Alesbury, Walter Foster, Jim Snyder-Grant (Associate), Alissa Nicol (Associate) Nancy Kolb, Steve Trimble

Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Hummel

Chairman Yacoub opened the meeting at 7:32 PM. The Chair read the notice regarding Virtual meetings and how the public could access and participate in the meeting. All votes will be by roll call.

I. Regular Business

1. **Citizens' Concerns – None**
2. **Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes-** The meeting minutes from the February 25, 2020 CPC meeting were reviewed. Beyer moved to approve, seconded by Foster. Green, "Aye", Trimble, "Aye", Charter, "Aye", Beyer, "Aye", Nicol, "Abstain", Snyder-grant, "Aye", Yacoub, "Aye", Alesbury, "Aye", Kolb, "Aye", Foster, "Aye", Kilpatrick, "Aye" Minutes Approved

II. New /Special Business

3. **June 29 Annual Town Meeting -** The Chair delivered the presentation that he has prepared for Town Meeting (and has prerecorded on YouTube). Minor points of clarification were noted, and the Committee was fully supportive of the presentation. It was noted that unlike prior years, the CPC would not gather at a table at the front of the venue.
4. **CPA grant to AML for Davis Etchings project –** Ann Chang from the AML Trustees had communicated that due to the Pandemic, AML would not be able to hang a full display of the restored Davis etchings for public display as had been specified in the award letter. After discussion, Foster moved that the CPC agree that a virtual display available by YouTube or cable TV, and perhaps a live show at a later date would satisfy the requirement, and that the Trustees should have latitude in how the show, virtual or otherwise, should be presented. Beyer seconded. Green, "Aye", Trimble, "Aye", Charter, "Aye", Beyer, "Aye", Nicol, "Aye", Snyder-grant, "Aye", Yacoub, "Aye", Alesbury, "Aye", Kolb, "Aye", Foster, "Aye", Kilpatrick, "Aye". Motion approved unanimously

5. **CPA Coalition News Update** – Foster noted that the Town of Ayer had approved going back up to a 3% Surcharge for CPA. Noted that this and other updates had been sent out to all CPC members.
6. **Administrative Updates and Reports** – Charter noted that there might be a need for a CPC meeting in very early July to discuss a possible land purchase in South Acton that was being negotiated; a tight time frame being a point of discussion with the property holders. Trimble moved that we plan on meeting on July 7 if needed, and also continue to hold the July 14 date as well. Foster seconded the motion. Green, “Aye”, Trimble, “Aye”, Charter, “Aye”, Beyer, “Aye”, Nicol, “Aye”, Snyder-grant, “Aye”, Yacoub, “Aye”, Alesbury, “Aye”, Kolb, “Aye”, Foster, “Aye”, Kilpatrick, “Aye”. Motion approved unanimously.

Foster noted that the schools had moved trailers onto the CPC funded basketball courts on Elm Street as part of the construction project, and that he had been in communication with JD Head about this. Mr. Head had said it was unavoidable due to site constraints, and that the courts would be rebuild after construction is completed. Foster noted that we need to monitor that CPC projects are properly maintained into the future. Foster will forward communications for the record.

Trimble updated the CPC on Recreation project progress. Work is starting on Jones Field and NARA Park pavilion, quotes are being solicited for the Gardner Field study, and architect has been hired to assist with NARA Park restroom procurement, and we are awaiting procurement to complete the revised skateboard project.

7. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM by Foster, second by Beyer, Green, “Aye”, Trimble, “Aye”, Charter, “Aye”, Beyer, “Aye”, Nicol, “Aye”, Snyder-grant, “Aye”, Yacoub, “Aye”, Alesbury, “Aye”, Kolb, “Aye”, Foster, “Aye”, Kilpatrick, “Aye” Approved unanimously , Next meeting to be held Tuesday, July 7 at 7:30 PM Meeting to be virtual.

III. **Documents and exhibits used during this meeting**

Community Preservation Committee Agenda for June 23, 2020
Draft Community Preservation Committee Minutes for February 25, 2020
Town Meeting CPA presentation power point.