

Minutes
Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee
September 10, 2015
Acton Memorial Library

Members Present: Peter Ashton (Chair), Tory Beyer, Walter Foster, Paula Goodwin, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Joe Will (Clerk)

Others Present:

Roland Bartl (Acton Planning Director), Roland Bourdon (Finance Committee observer), Doug Halley (Acton Health Director), Linda McElroy (Trail Through Time Project Manager)

Peter A opened the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

- I. Minutes of August 13, 2015
 - Two references to “Peter” were changed to “Peter A”.
 - It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.
- II. Election of Officers — Vice Chair

Paula has been sworn in, so she is a regular member. Peter A nominated Paula to be Vice Chair, Walter seconded, and Paula was voted Vice Chair 4-0 (Paula abstained, Tory not present yet).
- III. Fall/Winter Schedule
 - On Roland Bartl’s 2015 full-year schedule, we cancelled the 09/24, 10/08, and 11/05 meetings. Remaining 2015 scheduled meetings are 10/22, 11/19, 12/03, and 12/17. Peter A will call in on 11/19.
- IV. Public Hearing — To ascertain the needs, possibilities, resources, & preferences for Community Preservation, and to hear comments/questions on the draft 2016 Community Preservation Plan.
 - Peter A began the Public Hearing at 7:41 with Tory’s arrival. There were no comments/questions from the public on the draft 2016 Community Preservation Plan. (There was no one present from the “public.”) Folks present discussed projects that they thought were possible, and some hoped-for projects that are not likely to happen.
 - At 7:58 pm, it was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to close the Public Hearing.
- V. Finalize 2016 Community Preservation Plan for Release
 - No changes were made.
 - It was moved, seconded, and, with no discussion, voted unanimously to approve the 2016 Plan.
- VI. Project Report — Trail Through Time (Doug Halley and Linda McElroy)

- Doug, with Linda on hand to help answer questions, updated the CPC on the Trail Through Time with PowerPoint slides used in a similar report by Doug and Linda to the Conservation Commission.

VII. Administrative updates

- Ashton barbecue – Sunday, September 27, seems to work for many. It will begin in the 5-6 pm range at Peter A's house. Spouses and significant others are welcome.
- Re the Assabet River Rail Trail, Roland Bartl reported that right-of-way acquisition is complete, has been certified, and submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the FHWA seems okay with everything. The potential holdout on easement acquisition negotiated after all. This final acquisition cost extra money that came out of funds from the Concord Mews Project. It was a case of balancing the extra cost vs. the cost of litigation. Roland also heard today that the FHWA approved funding for lighting fixtures for the parking on the south side of the train station that match the fixtures on the north side.

8:52 pm — It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Next Meeting: 10/22/15