

# Community Preservation Committee

Minutes  
March 1, 2022

**Members Present:** Kerry McKenna, Jennifer-Lee Levitz Aronson, Bill Cuff, Hank McCarl, Bob Whitmarsh, Robert Gulla, Mark Poulin, and Pamela Tobey.

**Members absent:** Matt Lundberg

Public hearing called to order at 6:03 PM by Pam T. with the following preamble: This meeting is recorded by video and audio in accordance with state Open Meeting Law. Consistent with the Governor's orders suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law this meeting will be conducted by remote participation.

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Attendance taken by roll call. All members present except Matt Lundberg.

## **Item # 1 Approval of Minutes 1/18/2022**

Pam T. asked if Committee members had any notes or corrections. Hank M.. moved to approve the 1/18/22 minutes as presented, Bob W. seconded. Minutes were approved by roll call vote, Mark P. abstained. Pam T. agreed to take minutes for this meeting.

## **Item # 2 2022 Gloucester CPC Public Hearing**

Pam T. presented a brief overview of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and the history of CPA in Gloucester. A breakdown of the CPA process was reviewed and an overview of category funding since the adoption of the CPA was discussed. Pam T. briefly spoke about Gloucester's Community Preservation Plan and mentioned that the committee will revisit it in a future meeting to possibly edit or add to the plan.

Hank M. noted that the CPC was not intentionally setting the priority around historic preservation applications and that those were just the types of applications that had been submitted. The committee discussed the opportunities presented to encourage applications in the other categories and the work the committee has done to get the word out about the funding opportunity. Rob G. asked about the bonded City Hall project and how much was remaining on the note. Pam T. explained that the bond is due to be paid off in the next few years, that it is paid out of the CPA yearly and would get the exact amount to the committee after the hearing.

Patti Amaral, 14 Myrtle Sq., raised several questions regarding the CPA funding and the CPA act in reference to the Mattos field project. She expressed concerns to prioritize open space and playgrounds within the city.

Denise Pascucci, 20 Birch Grove Heights, spoke regarding the funding awarded to the Mattos field project and again emphasized the importance to fund recreation projects across the city.

Mary Ann Boucher, 93 Mt. Pleasant Ave., spoke about the importance of open space projects, parks, and playgrounds. Mark P. discussed that the Open Space Plan is currently being updated and revised.

Bill C. emphasized that the committee reviews applications based on what is submitted to the CPA and encouraged the public to submit an application to address some of the concerns raised.

The committee discussed utilizing the Community Preservation Coalition resources and contacts to address some of the questions or issues mentioned during the hearing.

**Next Meeting – March 15, 2022**

**MOTION to Adjourn:** Hank M. moved to adjourn. Seconded by Bob W. Roll call vote: All members voted in favor; the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Tobey