

**Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 26, 2014, 7:30 pm
Town Hall Mail Room**

Members present: Bill Aten, Dan Byer, Peter Denton, Mike Goddard, Barry Iadarola, Anne Mazar and Wayne Wagner **Others Present:** Willem Angenent, John Gomersall and Shirley Smith

Barry made a motion to accept the minutes of the 6/25/14 meeting, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

There was a discussion about exercising the town's right of first refusal, under MA Chapter 61, to preserve the 70- acre Pearson Farm on 43 Quissett Road. Anne explained a tentative plan between several parties that could protect the farm from future development, with the town only spending a fraction of the \$800,000 price, which is the price on the purchase and sale agreement that the town would have to match. It would require collaboration between the town, the MA Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Metacomet Land Trust and the Northeast Farm Access. The town's contribution would be through funding a conservation restriction. Bill suggested that the town use a bond to fund the town's portion. Mike agreed that this would be a good way to keep the CPA funds more liquid. Anne will talk to the Town Accountant about this option.

Anne said the property should be appraised. Mike said this would be necessary as part of the town's due diligence. **Barry made a motion to transfer up to \$7,000 from the CPA Administration Account to fund an appraisal on the Pearson Property, Mike seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

Dan will be finding out more details on the specific wording needed for the warrant with regards to the PARC Grant, which could potentially provide the town with matching funds for the tennis court replacement project. There needs to be language that Memorial Park be preserved as parklands. Dan will bring the wording to the next meeting.

Shirley presented information on the Village Center District, which would help to preserve the historic town center. There are grant funds, such as the Transportation Improvement Program funds, that could be used to improve the village center. The town would have to match 10% of the funds. A request may come before the committee asking for CPA funding for this type of project.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted By Anne Mazar