

**Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 25, 2014, 7:00 pm
Town Hall Select Board Room**

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

After much discussion on the plans to preserve the 70-acre Pearson Farm on 43 Quissett Road, **Peter made a motion to have two separate warrant articles on the November 5th Town Meeting warrant; one article to purchase a conservation restriction on the front half of the Pearson property using CPA funds; and the other article to borrow funds to purchase all or part of the property with available CPA funds and borrow up to \$500,000 through a statehouse loan to be paid back with CPA funds; Mike seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.** Anne said once the information from the appraisal was complete, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife decision whether or not to purchase the back half of the property was finalized and the status of the Northeast Farm Access plan was clear, the committee would vote a more specific motion for the town meeting.

Barry made a motion to see if the Town will vote to take all of the following actions to replace the tennis courts and fence around the tennis courts at Memorial Field: (a) To rescind the prior appropriation for the same purposes made at the June 25, 2014 Special Town Meeting on Article 24. (b) to transfer a sum of money not to exceed \$88,350 from the CPA Budgeted Reserve Account to fund the replacement of the tennis courts and fence around the tennis courts at Memorial Field; (c) to authorize the Town Administrator or Board of Selectman to file on behalf of the town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under the PARC (formerly Urban Self-Help) Act (301 CMR 5.00);(d) To dedicate as a park under M.G.L. c. 45, sec. 3 the land known as Memorial Park at 29 Millville Street adjoining the Town Beach Property which was purchased by the Town in 1972 and is described in a deed recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds in Book 5292. Page 115; or act or do anything in relation thereto; Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Anne asked Wayne to have the Historical Commission determine if removing or repairing the outside town hall ramp would be a historical preservation project and to find out the cost to have a historical preservation architectural firm evaluate the cost to remove or repair of the outside town hall ramp.

Anne also asked Wayne to have the Historical Commission determine whether or not the old fire station would be considered a historical building.

Barry made a motion to accept the minutes of the 8/26/14 meeting, Mike seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne Mazar