

**Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday May 7, 2015, 7:30pm
Charles River Bank Conference Room**

Members present: Anne Mazar, Peter Denton, Barry Iadarola and Wayne Wagner.

Others Present: Kathy Schofield

7:35 PM - Meeting called to order by Anne Mazar

Kathy explained a grant proposal that the Historical Commission was submitting to MA Preservation Projects Fund (MPPF) to have a study done on the "Mendon Town Hall Campus" area to determine how to use the current structures for town office space and other uses, best landscaping for the area and how maintain the historical features. Kathy said this would give the town a design layout as to the best use of the area, ADA compliance and best adaptive reuse of the current buildings. She explained that it is a 50% matching grant, but the town initially puts out 75% and then the 25% is reimbursed after the funds are spent.

Barry made a motion to recommend that the Town vote transfer \$45,000 from the CPA Historical Preservation Account to fund the Town Hall Campus Study if funded by MPPF and to reimburse the Community Preservation Historical Account \$15,000 when the project is complete. Wayne seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Anne explained a project that Sharon Cutler was heading for the Mendon 350th Committee to plant native maple trees along Route 16 on the Muddy Brook North Conservation Area. The committee liked the project, but wanted the design to be reviewed by landscape designers, like Kathy Schofield, have a plan and person in hand to water the plants (which would be a big commitment, since there is not water on the site) and to talk with Peter Hawks who hays the field. **Wayne made a motion to recommend that the Town transfer \$7,500 from the Mendon Land Bank to plant native trees along Route 16 on the Muddy Brook North Conservation Area for Mendon's 350 Anniversary. Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

Peter made a motion to transfer \$12,283 from the Community Preservation Open Space Account and \$85,000 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Account to fund the FY16 Fino Debt on the open space portion of the land. Wayne seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Anne explained that the town holds title to 13 Pleasant Street, but it does not know where the land is located and it might be a key trail link. She proposed surveying the property so that the town could use it. She also suggested using Mendon Land Bank funding. This account was set up before the CPA existed and was funded by the ANP Power Plant for money they paid to the town for an easement. It is obsolete, because now there is a CPA Open Space account. There is \$36,000 in the account. **Peter made a motion to recommend that the Town transfer up to \$5,000 from the Mendon Land Bank to fund surveying the town-owned 13 Pleasant Street. Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

Anne reported that the weeds on Inman Pond have drastically reduced, but there is still need for mechanical removal for at least this year. Dense coverage of the weed used to be on 8 of the 9 acres of the pond. Now the dense coverage is only on 1 acre, with sparse

coverage on other parts of the pond. TTOR would pay \$8,000 for the \$14,000 job. **Barry made a motion to recommend that the Town transfer \$6,000 from the Mendon Land Bank to fund the removal of the non-native invasive water chestnut weeds in the Inman Pond on the Meadow Brook Woods property in the spring/summer of 2015. Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.**

Barry made a motion to approve the minutes of the 4/22/14 meeting. Wayne seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Wayne made a motion to transfer \$150 from the CPA Open Space Account to remove and reinstall the Beaver Solution Device for the weed removal on Inman Pond, Barry seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm. Wayne seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne Mazar