

Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2016, 7:30pm
Mendon Town Hall, BOS Meeting Room

Members present: Dan Byer, Anne Mazar, Rich Schofield and Wayne Wagner

7:30 PM - Meeting called to order by Anne Mazar

7:30 PM – Public Hearing for 2016 CPA Projects

Rich Schofield moved to open the public hearing. Dan Byer seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Discussion of solar farm on 128 Providence St. and possible changes to the Solar Bylaw: Residents Jack and Tammy Hodgens (of 16 King Philip Path) presented concerns about the solar farm proposed for 128 Providence St. Anne Mazar will contact Town Counsel to clarify Ch. 61A notification requirements and when timetables are triggered. Dan will find the assessed value of the property.

8:42 - Rich Schofield moved to close the public hearing. Peter Denton seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

8:48 PM – Discussion of items for March 21, 2016 Special Town Meeting:
Historical Commission is researching the need for roof replacement for the current Taft Public Library and will submit the request for the March 21st Special Town Meeting.

8:52 PM – Discussion of uses for 52 Providence Street / Review of recently completed analysis: Anne Mazar and Bill McHenry will work with Town Administrator and Planning Board to determine next steps.

9:08 PM – Discussion on FY16 distribution of CPA funds: **Rich Schofield moved to set aside for later spending from the FY16 Community Preservation Revenues \$42,482 (10%) for Open Space, \$42,482 (10%) for Historic Preservation, \$42,482 (10%) for Affordable Housing, \$21,241 (5%) for Administration and \$276,138 (65%) for Budgeted Reserve. Peter Denton seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.**

Discussion of the CPA exemption for people who would qualify for low-income housing: Dan and Bill presented information they collected from other towns and the Community Preservation Coalition and it was found that the exemption had a very minimal effect on the amount of funds collected from the CPA levy. The committee was in general agreement that the exemption should be included, but wanted to wait until more committee members were present to take a vote.

9:20 - Rich Schofield moved to pay Community Preservation Coalition dues of \$1,750. Peter Denton seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

9:25 PM – Peter Denton moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2105. Dan Byer seconded the motion, which passed by a majority, with Rich Schofield abstaining.

9:30 PM – Dan Byer moved to adjourn the meeting. Peter Denton seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Minutes compiled by Bill McHenry