

Community Preservation Committee
Minutes
12/9/21, 6:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting Teams and Town Hall Upper Floor

Members Present: Dan Byer, Peter Denton, Barry Iadarola, Anne Mazar, Lynne Roberts and Lawney Tinio.

The meeting started at 6 PM.

Lawney made a motion to accept the minutes of the 11/11/21 and 11/18/21 meetings, it was seconded by Peter and unanimously approved.

It was decided that the public hearing for the use of the CPA funds would be at the 1/12/22 Select Board Meeting. Anne will follow through with Select Board Chair, Mark Reil, and post the legal notice.

Anne requested the funding for the appraisal for the 100-acre VanderSluis Farm on 101 North Avenue, so that she could apply for a Land and Water Conservation grant which could give the town up to \$750,000 to preserve the property as open space for passive recreation, the scenic vista, the historic farm landscape, agriculture and to help Mendon retain some of its rural character. No hunting would be allowed, because of an owner restriction. Barry said he would not vote for it because of this restriction. Lawney did not like the restrictions on the property and did not think more open space needed to be preserved. Lynne agreed with Anne that the property is one of the last views from North Avenue and that it had important historic value. After much discussion, **Dan made a motion to use \$5,000 to pay for a yellow Book Appraisal, Lynne seconded the motion, and Lynne and Dan voted yes, and Barry, Peter and Lawney voted no. Anne would have voted yes if a tie needed to be broken.**

Dan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM, Peter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Submitted by Anne Mazar