

# Community Preservation Committee

June 28, 2017

Attendees: John Lee, Beth Williams, Jo Ward, Pam Marston, John Mark Walker

Guests: Paul Willard, Jaye Waldron, Jim Breslauer & Jim Burns of the Conservation Commission, Jim Lee & David Outman of the Conservation Trust, and Peter Dorward

Absent: Michelle Catalina, Ron Ricci, Didi Chadran and Park & Rec representative

The meeting convened at 7:40 PM.

Minutes from May 17, 2017 meeting were approved.

1. Cross-Committee Alignment Discussion with the Harvard Conservation Commission, Harvard Conservation Trust: Paul Willard and Jim Lee presented the Harvard Open Space Protection Plan:

- This is a joint effort between Conservation Commission and Conservation Trust
- Both groups are working to provide a funding stream to obtain and protect Open Space.
- Currently have about \$50,000.00 in the Conservation Commission funds.
- Protecting the rural character of the Town – it's agricultural land, historic villages and view sheds
- Protecting Bare Hill Pond as an important shared resource
- Creating an interconnected trail network and walkways
- Invasive Species program will only grow as more land is acquired. Volunteers cannot work with pesticides, as they must be handled by a licensed handler. DPW currently manages mowing through a contractor.
- Key issue is raising peoples' awareness of what Conservation Commission and Conservation Trust are doing.
- Off-Cycle Funding – Paul Willard presented a funding request for Dean's Hill Preservation. Property is located off of Still River Road. Approximately 23.6 acres, more or less. Premium view parcel and linkage property for the Commission. Total Project cost is estimated at \$850,000.00. Looking for \$200,000 from CPC and other funding from CPIC and Conservation Trust. There is 1 possible house lot on this property, which would be sold to help funding. Conservation Commission wants to see if this is a proven house lot. This request will be discussed during the August CPC meeting.

2. Treasurer's Update: The CPA dues request, approved at the April Town Meeting, has been submitted to Town Hall for payment.
3. Other Business:
  - a. Stone Wall Project – Pam Marston is working with Marie Solbavarro to develop an RFP for this project.

Open Action Items:

1. Didi to put legal notices in the Harvard Press and update the Grant Form for September's submissions.
2. Didi to work with Finance Committee & Capital Planning Investment Committee to let them know what projects we will be funding and not funding in the coming year.

Next CPC meeting scheduled for August 16, 2017

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.