

Community Preservation Committee Meeting - VOTED MINUTES

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Hermann Meeting Room- Falmouth Public Library – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Russell Robbins, Vice Chair Sandy Cuny; Clerk Holly Wilson; John Druley; Bob Brown; Steve Patton; Paul Glynn;

Also Present: Carole Sutherland, Sharon Gay

Chair Russell Robbins opened the meeting at 6:01 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CP NEEDS ASSESSMENT HEARING - Format

The committee decided that the format of the public hearing would be done as a whole group unless there were more than about 20 people in which case the group would break into smaller groups according to the 4 areas of housing, open space, recreation and historic preservation.

The Community Preservation Plan Update for 2018 was reviewed.

BARROWS ROAD PROJECT – Review period

Carole reported that she attended a technical review of this project on 3/7. The Building Department, Fire and Rescue, Conservation Commission, and others discussed the project in detail. Comments may be submitted prior to 3/22.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Russell Robbins noted that the Board of Selectmen is hosting pot luck dinner is tomorrow.

Volunteers were assigned to attend Precinct meetings.

ADMIN / CONSULTANT REPORTS

Sharon reported that work has been ongoing on the matrix, the operating manual and town meeting articles.

Mass Housing Partnership is holding a workshop on June 6 and 7.

At a meeting on 2/8 Jim McLaughlin said that the North Falmouth playground will be made accessible in the next few weeks.

The Housing Coordinator has reported that 2 proposals were received for the Housing Production plan.

In regards to the question of prepaying the debt on the Falmouth Country Club open space, Jennifer Petit noted that this is not how municipal finance works so this is not an option.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES – February 8, 2018

Steve Patton moved to approve with correction. Sandy Cuny seconded. All in favor; motion passed.

Community Preservation Committee NEEDS ASSEMENT HEARING MINUTES

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Hermann Meeting Room- Falmouth Public Library – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Russell Robbins, Vice Chair Sandy Cuny; Clerk Holly Wilson; John Druley; Bob Brown; Steve Patton; Paul Glynn;

Also Present: Carole Sutherland, Sharon Gay

Registered Attendees:

1. Carla Feroni – Housing Coordinator
2. Kevin O'Brien – Conservation Commission
3. Jim Tow – Resident
4. Michael Galasso – TRI/EDIC
5. Ralph Herbst – Resident
6. Mark Schmidt – Falmouth Historical Society
7. Jacqueline V. Vital – Resident
8. Brian Nickerson – Friends of Nobska Light
9. Mary Nickerson – Friends of Nobska Light
10. Olivia White – League of Women Voters
11. Eric Turkington – Falmouth Housing Corp.
12. Betsy Gladfelter – Conservation Commission

Unregistered attendees:

1. Peter Clark – Resident
2. Barbara Schneider – Resident
3. Samuel Patterson

Chair Russell Robbins opened the meeting at 7:02 PM

Russell Robbins explained that the committee sought input on the needs of the town rather than specific projects.

In the historic preservation category identified needs included making the preservation funding process available for private homes, gap funding for historic privately-owned properties to bring up to Secretary of Interior Standards, preservation easements/recapture, establish a fund to be administered by a third party/agency to be able to respond to needs as they arise in timely manner

Needs for the recreation area included maintaining of existing fields and creating new fields. The town should be invested in maintaining existing fields.

With open space, an issue to consider is the connectivity of the space to other preserved spaces. Some areas are more important than others to preserve.

The consensus of the meeting participants was that housing was the category with the greatest need. Needs expressed included more one-bedroom rental units, more funding for local housing projects which tend to be smaller projects, high quality design, energy efficiency, amenities, accessibility and durable materials used in community housing projects, increased funding for FAHF, establish housing as a priority, clear guidelines should be in place

General comments included the following

- Before a parcel is labeled open space or historic a portion could be carved out for community housing needs.
- Public meetings should be held for prospective applicants; these should be taped by FCTV.
- Combining different types of projects such as open space and housing is and should continue to be a priority.
- Town boards and committees should coordinate efforts regarding housing concerns.
- There should be signage on all CPA projects.
- A community development plan is needed.

At 8:18 Sandy Cuny moved to adjourn. John Druley seconded.