

TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 7, 2015

PRESENT: Philip McKnight (Chairman), Jane Patton, Mark Reinhardt, Michael Sussman, Jeffrey Thomas, Chris Winters and Jason Hoch

The Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by the Chairman.

The Chairman welcomed Jason Hoch, the Town Manager, to his first meeting of the Committee. He then thanked Linda Conway, the representative of the Williamstown Historical Commission, for her long and distinguished service to the Committee and to the Town, noting that Ms. Conway's membership goes back to the early days of the Town's participation in the Community Preservation Act.

The minutes of the Committee's meetings on January 20, 2015 and February 24, 2015, were approved unanimously.

The Committee discussed proposed revisions to its Application form offered by Mr. Thomas. A number of clarifying questions and improvement suggestions were made and discussed. Mr. Thomas agreed to revise his draft accordingly and have it ready for further consideration and approval at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed Mr. Winter's proposal that the Committee offer several warrant articles at the Town Meeting in May 2016 to the effect that the Town vote to agree to continue its current participation in the Community Preservation Act program or vote to decide to terminate its continued participation in the Act, together with articles increasing or decreasing the CPC tax rate and adding by way of a warrant article a provision requiring the Town to consider every five years whether it wants to continue to be part of the CPA program. After considerable discussion, including whether this proposal should be submitted to the Select Board for action by it, the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

The Committee elected Jane Patton its Chair for the next year and deferred election of a Vice-Chair.

The next meeting of the Committee, its "public" meeting as required by the CPA statute, was set for Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip R. McKnight, Acting Secretary