

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 8, 2011**

Present: Jane Howard – Chairman, Mark Gluesing – Vice Chair, Carol Boulris, Janet Carter Bernardo, Reg Foster

Absent: Bruce Eisenhut
Mike Retzky
Lita Young

Town Staff: Patricia Carey, Staff Liaison
Nicole DiCicco, Recording Secretary

The meeting convened at 7:40PM in the Webster Conference Room located in the Public Services Administration Building (PSAB).

Review and Acceptance of Minutes of Meetings – April, 13, 2011 and May 9, 2011:

Mrs. Boulris made a motion to approve the minute of the April 13, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bernardo and unanimously approved. Ms. Bernardo made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gluesing and unanimously approved.

Town Meeting Re-Cap: The consensus was that Town Meeting was successful for the articles supported by the CPC. It was agreed that liaisons should try to continue to work with other boards to coordinate what will be presented to Town Meeting members to avoid repetition. Mr. Foster reported that the Housing Authority's RFP for the feasibility study had to be reworked with MA Housing Trust, and is moving forward.

Re-Organization of Committee – Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: Staff Liaison Patricia Carey called for nominations for the Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. Ms. Howard nominated Mr. Gluesing and Ms. Bernardo seconded that motion. There were no other nominations and Mr. Gluesing was unanimously approved as the Chairman. Mr. Gluesing called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. Ms. Boulris nominated Ms. Bernardo, and Ms. Howard seconded the motion. There were no other nominations and Ms. Bernardo was unanimously approved as Vice Chairman. Mr. Gluesing thanked Ms. Howard for serving as Chairman for two years, and highlighted her work at creating a collaborative relationship between the CPC, the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Discussion – Current Community Preservation Plan: Mr. Gluesing asked if there were any thoughts regarding changes to the current CPC Plan. Mr. Foster asked if there should be a discussion about the applications for private organizations. He had been asked if individual private organizations could come back each year to request funding. The consensus was to discuss the issues for individual applications from private organizations but to not make any formal changes to the current CPC Plan.

Discussion – House (HB 765) and Senate (SB 1841): Mr. Gluesing noted that the Community Preservation Coalition had just announced that the bill to adopt some changes to the state CPA legislation had been supported in the subcommittee and was now moving to the House Ways and Means committee for review. Selectman Dan Matthews has spoken to Mr. Gluesing regarding the possibility of Needham filing legislation to change the wording for how funds can be used for recreation purposes if the current bill is not approved by the legislature.

Meeting Schedule: It was agreed to continue with meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The CPC will not meet in July, and will tentatively schedule a meeting for Wednesday, August 10th. Mr. Gluesing, Ms. Bernardo and Ms. Carey will review the issues at that time, and if there is nothing urgent, the August meeting will not be held.

Adjournment: Ms. Bernardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Ms. Howard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DiCicco
Recording Secretary