

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

**Minutes of Meeting
October 12, 2011**

Present: Mark Gluesing – Chairman, Janet Carter Bernardo – Vice Chair,
Carol Boulris, Bruce Eisenhut, Reg Foster, Jane Howard,
Mike Retzky, Lita Young

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

The meeting convened at 7:30 PM in the Chestnut Conference Room located in the Public Services Administration Building (PSAB).

Review and Acceptance of Minutes of Meetings – September 21, 2011: Ms. Bernardo pointed out two minor grammatical and spelling errors in the minutes to be corrected and made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Howard and was unanimously approved.

CPA Legislation Update: Mr. Gluesing mentioned the CPA e-mails sent out by Ms. Carey during the past week which explains an additional bill that has been brought to the State House for review, proposing that 5% of funds taken in by casinos be turned over to CPC's across the state. This is in addition to the current bill under review by House Ways and Means.

Several members of the Committee recommended that everyone follow the decisions made by Beacon Hill regarding casinos since this bill will directly affect the Town's CPC funds. Ms. Carey will compose a letter to be sent to the Town's State Representative acknowledging the Needham CPC's awareness of this casino bill and that the members will be monitoring its activity.

Project Update:

Mr. Gluesing informed the Committee that there are currently no project submissions for 2012.

Mr. Eisenhut shared that the Planning Board is considering a project that may fall into CPC parameters for 2012, but that there haven't been any final decisions made on the plans to move forward with this particular project yet. He explained that it would coincide with the current Master Trails Plan and would find, note and possibly increase the number of easements along the Charles River. Ms. Bernardo and Ms. Carey pointed out to Mr. Eisenhut and the members of CPC that no one from the Planning Board had approached the Park and Recreation or Conservation Commissions to see where they stand on the very similar projects that are already underway in conjunction with the Trails

Master Plan. Ms. Carey stated that all three boards would need to meet and discuss everything prior to working together on such a study.

Ms. Boulris mentioned the Historical Society would be submitting a project wrapping up their inventory of Historical Homes in Needham. The inventory project has been underway for several years and is now concluding. The members of the Historical Commission were interested in compiling all of the collected information into a book for the general public to access, with copies available in the Public Library as well as the Historical Society building. In addition, copies would be made for each of the five Town departments who had assisted throughout the inventory process. (Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Planning Board and Town Manager.) Originally a book had been created with initial findings, but with the inventory process taken years longer than originally expected, approximately 90 homes are missing from the book that are included in the most recent listing. This inventory would also assist with the long range historical preservation plan for the Town which would require the most updated inventory listing.

Special Town Meeting: The November Special Town Meeting Warrant currently has 20 articles. Due to the high number of articles the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee voted on Tuesday to reduce the articles to as few as possible by only keeping those which specifically need Town Meeting Member approval. Mr. Gluesing proposed that the CPC article regarding the adjustments of CPC accounts into a different fund be withdrawn from the Warrant. The Committee agreed, so the article will be withdrawn. No vote is necessary as Selectmen already voted the previous day and simply needed Committee approval in order for the withdrawal.

Topics for Future Agendas: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30 PM

- Ms. Bernardo asked that an updated member contact sheet be made to reflect the new Chair and Vice-Chair and to add any new members, for the next meeting as well as the Committee website.

Adjournment: Ms. Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM. Ms. Bernardo seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DiCicco
Recording Secretary