

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

**Minutes of Meeting
June 13, 2012**

Present: Mark Gluesing – Chairman, Janet Bernardo – Vice Chairman,
Carol Boulris, Reg Foster, Mike Retzky, Sam Warner

Absent: Lita Young

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

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

Re-Organization of Committee, Staff Liaison Patricia Carey presiding: Staff Liaison Patricia Carey called for nominations for the Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee. Ms. Boulris 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. Mr. Warner nominated Ms. Bernardo and Mr. Gluesing seconded the motion. There were no other nominations and Ms. Bernardo was unanimously approved as Vice Chairman.

Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2012 & May 9, 2012: Ms. Bernardo made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Warner and was approved unanimously.

Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Warner and was approved unanimously.

Chairman's Updates: Mr. Gluesing asked Ms. Carey to give an update on the rail trail, as it is a possibility that some funds will be requested from the CPC. Ms. Carey indicated it was a 2 mile stretch in Needham on rails no longer used by Bay Colony Rail. They have given up their lease with the MBTA. Dover and Medfield also have sections, and it is hoped that all 3 communities can develop their sections into a 7 mile rail trail. The next step for Needham is a feasibility study, looking at access options, parking options, and the historic bridge across the Charles River. Mr. Gluesing asked if a representative could attend the next meeting, which Ms. Carey will set up. Ms. Foster asked if the Park and Recreation Commission supported the concept. Ms. Carey indicated that both the Commission and the Selectmen were supportive of the concept, and will continue to discuss to see if it's a viable option for Needham. Mr. Foster suggested that the Housing

Authority would likely have some interest, as the possible rail trail passes by their property on Linden Street.

CPA Legislation Update: Mr. Gluesing reported that the proposed legislation was in conference committee. The House and the Senate will try to come to agreement on the funding portion. Both have approved the changes in wording. Mr. Gluesing has been told that the final budget will hopefully be approved in July and signed by the Governor.

Project Planning- If CPA Legislation Approved: Ms. Carey shared a draft list of possible projects, if the legislation changes. The Park and Recreation Commission is discussing possible projects and priorities, and Ms. Bernardo will discuss with the Conservation Commission. Mr. Gluesing suggested a summit with representatives of boards and organizations this summer to learn more about project ideas.

Charles River Center Project Re-Submission: Ms. Carey reported the project is being resubmitted with updated information. Not all is known about fundraising, as there are still events scheduled, and decisions on grants are due in July.

Summer Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, July 18th, 7:30pm – Meeting
Wednesday, August 8th, 7:30pm – Meeting
Wednesday, August 22nd, 7:30pm – Meeting
Wednesday, September 12th, 7:30pm – Meeting
Wednesday, September 19th, 7:30pm – Meeting
Wednesday, October 10th, 7:30pm – Public Hearing

Adjournment: Ms. Bernardo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Mr. Warner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Carey
Staff Liaison