

**Town of Hamilton
Community Preservation Committee
November 26, 2013 Minutes**

Attendees

The meeting was held in the Memorial Room of Town Hall with the following Committee members in attendance: Jennifer Scuteri, Jay Butler, Nepo Trepanier, Ray Whipple, Peter Britton, and Keith Glidden. Christine Berry, CPC Coordinator was present. With a quorum of CPC members present, the meeting was called to order at 7:30pm

Acceptance of the October 3, 2013 CPC Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the October 3, 2013 CPC meeting were unanimously accepted.

Model T Building Project Update

A discussion of the Model T Building was postponed to a future meeting.

Vote on CPA Eligibility of Downtown Improvements

A vote on the CPA eligibility of downtown improvements was postponed.

STM Recap/Patton Pool Next Steps

Ray Whipple suggested that the pool review process seemed hasty towards the end of the review process and questioned whether the project should have been presented/driven by the Joint Recreation Board. He added that the past record of the CPC was very good, and that they had carefully thought out reasons for recommendations. Peter Britton suggested that perhaps the process was rushed. He noted the \$900,000 study that was recently uncovered. He added that Wenham still does not seem supportive of the pool.

Jennifer Scuteri said that the feeling of haste was caused by Wenham and their unwillingness to meet despite months of requests to do so. Peter said that Wenham needs to be part of the pool if it is going to pass. Jennifer suggested that we have a joint meeting.

Keith thought that there would be little sway with the voters who voted no, and that they voted no under the pretext of Wenham not participating. He went on to say that the summer camp program will disappear if the pool is closed. He thought the presentation was well done and wondered whether there will be a true change in attitude.

Public Comment:

Bruce Wadleigh reported that Wenham now wants to contribute, but may not want to use CPA funds. He said there was concern about the cost of the pool.

Bob Gray, representing Enough is Enough, said that they were pulling together a Blue Ribbon Committee to suggest ideas for pool, and agreed that we need Wenham's participation.

Jeff Hubbard said that people do want a pool, but that we have to look at the scope of the project. He said that Patrick Wilson has always been clear that the Wenham CPC has a different philosophy than Hamilton.

Jennifer reported that they are now going back and looking at the cost of a smaller building size, having indoor and outdoor showers, DPW completing some of the project, etc. to reduce costs. The Recreation Board is taking a strong role. They do not want to lose the park program. They are on a tight timeframe, but will be submitting a new application.

Keith suggested that the Recreation Board do a better survey on projected programming use, and a better use of usage and maintenance fees.

Joint HW CPC Meeting

The CPC agreed to work to schedule a joint Hamilton-Wenham CPC meeting as early in January as possible. Christine will coordinate with Greg Heppner, Wenham's CPC Chair and will report back with possible dates.

CPA Annual Town Meeting Application Schedule

The CPC reviewed the Annual Town Meeting CPA Application Schedule provided by Christine. There were no changes made.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55pm.