

**Town of Hamilton  
Community Preservation Committee  
April 8, 2010 Minutes**

**Attendees**

The meeting was held in the Memorial Room of Town Hall with the following Committee members in attendance: Dave Carey, Leigh Keyser, Ed Howard, Ray Whipple, Peter Dana, and Peter Britton. Christine Berry as CPC Coordinator was also present. With a quorum present the meeting was called to order.

**Open Meeting Law**

A copy of the Open Meeting Law was circulated. At the last meeting, the CPC voted to go into executive session for a brief discussion of the Donovan property as it pertained to the appraisal. Ed Howard voted against going into executive session. It was discussed that the Committee should only go into executive session for a permissible reason and with great caution due to the criticism the Town has received on this matter in the past.

**Follow-up from CPA Revocation/Reduction Proposal**

There was general agreement that Board of Selectmen meeting proved to be an opportunity to show how much support CPA has within the community. There was discussion about the CPC's role of funding the school needs in the community. Some CPC members recalled having discussed not using CPA funding for schools when the Committee first formed. Christine researched CPA spending on schools and found that schools that had received funding clearly met the historic criteria (e.g. CPA funding for the first school established on Nantucket). The historic criteria is ill-defined by CPA. However, the Old Library has long-standing historic significance to the community and is usable to a number of constituencies.

**Annual Town Meeting Prep**

Christine circulated copies of the warrant budget and powerpoint presentation. The Committee reviewed the presentations and made various suggestions for clarity and suggested combining some slides. Christine will draft a press release for public education about the CPA warrant budget to be published in the Chronicle.

**Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.