

**Town of Hamilton
Community Preservation Committee Subcommittee
March 14, 2016 Minutes**

Attendees

The meeting was held at Henderson's Café with the following Committee members in attendance: Chair Tom Catalano, Vice Chair Jay Butler, and Robert Preston. Community Projects Coordinator Dorr Fox was also present. Tom Catalano called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Meeting Planning

The subcommittee discussed the upcoming meeting/public hearing. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the increase in the surcharge and the review/update to the Community Preservation Plan. The subcommittee decided to let Town Manager Michael Lombardo determine the date of the meeting. However, the subcommittee would like to hold it between Town Meeting and Memorial Day. It was determined that the meeting should be held at 7:00 p.m. The location could be the Community Building or a town-owned facility such as the library.

There was discussion about using a survey to determine the opinions of town residents. The subcommittee would review the survey from last year and with the thought that it would be the base for the new survey. There would be no postcards to publicize the meeting, however, all of the town boards and past CPC applicants would be notified to attend.

The subcommittee discussed putting together a presentation. The presentation would be less than 50 slides (the size of last year's presentation). It was determined that it would be good to look into how other communities that have a 3% surcharge have been impacted by an increase in the surcharge. It was also discussed how increased funds would be required through a general increase in the property tax in order to fund projects, if the surcharge was not approved.

The subcommittee reviewed documents, including the presentation from last year's meeting, the document forecasting the increased funds if the surcharge was increased and the results of last year's survey.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dorr Fox

ATTEST: _____
Thomas Catalano Chairman