

**Town of Hamilton
Community Preservation Committees
May 8, 2014 Minutes**

Attendees

The meeting was held at the Hamilton Town Hall with the following Committee members in attendance: Ed Howard, Keith Glidden, Nepo Trepanier, Jay Butler, Jennifer Scuteri, Bo Preston, and Peter Britton. Christine Berry, Hamilton CPC Coordinator was also present. With a quorum of CPC members present, the meeting was opened at 7:35pm

Acceptance of Minutes from the March 31st CPC Meeting

The minutes from the March 31st meeting were accepted.

Update from the Hamilton Municipal Affordable Housing Trust

Kristine Cheetham, Planning Board Coordinator, was present to give an update on the Hamilton Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT). Kristine reviewed the goals of the Trust which is to educate, bring awareness, meet with key stakeholders, and create diverse housing. She acknowledged the contribution to the MAHT of CPA funds in the past and noted that it funded the recent Affordable Housing Production Plan. She reported that they are interested in trying to get the Town to take advantage of all the rental units that are not being counted and establishing a grant or loan program to assist with housing. Keith Glidden noted that it would be important to for people to stay true to such a grant. Ed Howard noted that CPA funds should be able to be used to make energy improvements to homes. He noted that utilities want to be able to help because they don't want to have to build new power stations. Peter Britton noted that we are not going to be able to get to 10% affordable housing stock, but that the Trust needs to finalize its priorities and start administering the program. Jennifer Scuteri noted that the through the residential development of the Patton Homestead, one unit will be created, or between \$145,000-180,000 deposited into the MAHT. Jay Butler expressed concern about how long the money has been sitting there. Peter said that this not a typical CPA project, it is an entity to fund.

Pool Discussion

Bill Dery was present to discuss his thoughts on the Patton Park pool project. He reported that he has been working with Michael Lombardo on an alternate plan for the pool. He said the Recreation Board has been stringent it its requirements. He noted that he did not believe the Town should incur debt to replace the pool. He felt the same size pool could be rebuilt or refurbished for \$1.3 million. Jennifer said that existing pool costs the Town \$30,000 a year, and that the existing pool design will not support multi-generational use; a lap pool does not sustain itself. Bo Preston questioned Bill's statement that the existing pool could be refurbished; he said that all the engineering they've seen to date does not support that. Keith said that we have to evaluate the project as an asset and also look at financing. He said we do not want to build a pool that will not serve the needs of the

community. The CPC agreed that another joint HW CPC meeting with the Recreation Board would be very helpful, and a motion was made that a meeting be scheduled.

Model T Building Update

Christine reported that she has met with and briefed the new DPW Director, Bill Redford, on the project. He will take a fresh look at and review the project to see how it can be reinvigorated.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30pm.