

**Town of Hamilton  
Community Preservation Committee  
October 9, 2008 Minutes**

**Attendees**

The meeting was held in the Memorial Room of Town Hall with the following Committee members in attendance: Tom Catalano, Dave Carey, Leigh Keyser, Peter Dana, Chris Davis and Ray Whipple. A quorum was present. Christine Berry as CPC Coordinator was also present.

**Acceptance of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the August 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted.

**CPA conference – November 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Community Preservation Coalition's Northeast CPA conference is scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:30am to 2:30pm at Essex Agricultural and Technical High School, Danvers. Registration is free. Both Christine and Chris have registered to attend. Christine will circulate registration information to the Committee.

**Open Space Committee**

Susanna Collerado-Mansfield and Jackie Hodge were present to discuss priority open space properties in Hamilton and how best to reach out to a landowner. They also discussed a potential CPA project at Cutler Pond Park. The project includes the construction of a dock on Cutler Pond to create improved public access and educational opportunities. The total cost estimated for the project is \$75,000, of which \$50,000 would be proposed to come from CPA funds. The remaining amount would be secured through a matching grant. This project may generate concerns from abutters. It was suggested that the Open Space Committee coordinate with Dr. McGrath to ensure that school-children would make use of the dock should it be built. Jackie will work with others from the Open Space Committee to submit an application to the CPC as soon as possible.

**FY10 CPA Applications**

Chebacco Road Sidewalk/Bikepath – This application requests CPA funds for the construction of sidewalks on Chebacco Road to protect students and other users from vehicular traffic. Several questions were raised regarding this application. Questions included whether the construction was physically possible and whether this application arose from a neighborhood petition or a single user. It was also unclear as to what portion of Chebacco Road is proposed to have the sidewalk and how much CPA funding would be required. Christine will check with the applicant, Betsy Spang, in hopes of answering these questions.

The Committee also inquired about whether this project would conform to the plan being developed for the landfill. Christine will ask Jack Lawrence about the status of the landfill study and report back to the Committee.

Asbury Grove Tabernacle – Asbury Grove re-submitted an application for funds for the restoration of the Tabernacle. They have requested \$35,000 in CPA funds. Should the Committee decide to recommend this project for funding at Town Meeting they would have

to demonstrate that something has changed or improved since the original application and also highlight that the Grove pays taxes. Concerns were raised as to whether the Grove would be able to raise the additional funds necessary to complete the restoration and whether, if successful, CPA funds would be used and there would not be any discernable difference in the tabernacle.

Tom offered to contact their consultant and find out the status of their application to list the tabernacle on the National Register of Historic Places. Christine will schedule a site visit for an upcoming Saturday morning for the CPC to tour the tabernacle.

Hamilton Housing Authority – Leigh reported that there is a \$154,000 short-fall in the kitchenette project and inquired as to whether the Housing Authority could seek additional CPA funds to complete the project. The Committee said they could request funds, but raised questions as to why there was such a substantial short-fall and why the bid price wasn't kept. Christine will email Julie Martineau, director of the HHA, an application and ask that she submit it to the CPC as soon as possible.

### **Meeting Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.