

HAMILTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes

Teleconference

July 8, 2021

Members Present: Chair Jay Butler, Kim Dietel, and Rick Johanson

Members Absent: Robert Preston, Shawn Farrell, Richard Boroff, Sherry Leonard, and Chris Currier

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Jay Butler waited until about 7:15 to see if the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) would have a quorum. It did not. He provided updates on the following agenda items. Meeting notes were taken rather than official minutes.

Committee Vacancies—Conservation Commission (ConCom) and Hamilton Historic District Committee (HHDC) reps

CPC reps are needed for the ConCom and HHDC. Mr. Butler reported the two committees are aware and are working on it.

Coordinator Vacancy

Mr. Butler is taking part in the hiring process and interviews via Zoom with six candidates will be conducted for the CPC Coordinator position vacated by Pat Shannon. It is conceivable that by the end of the month there will be a new coordinator.

Other Business (Surcharge Increase)

Mr. Butler met with Town Manager Joe Domelowicz and Finance Director Alex Magee who were wanting the CPC to lead the charge to get the 100 signatures necessary for putting a warrant article for a surcharge increase (from 2% to 3%) on the October ballot. Special Town Meeting will be held Oct. 23. The purpose of the increase would be to enable the CPC to offer more grant money toward big projects, such as the renovating of Town Hall and building of a new turf field for the high school. Mr. Butler said his answer was that while the CPC supports the action, it cannot lead the charge. He said Mr. Domelowicz and Mr. Magee will be meeting to discuss the Town Hall project and may propose the idea of renovating the building in stages.

Update on the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District, Athletic Facilities Improvement Working Group

The next meeting of the Turf Field Working Group (of which Mr. Butler is a member) will be July 26. The group has held two meetings to date.

Review of Annual Meeting Presentation for a Joint BOS Meeting on Aug. 2, 2021

Mr. Butler will give a presentation on the past year's CPC grants at a public hearing/BOS (Board of Selectmen) meeting on Monday, Aug. 2. CPC members are invited to attend. Mr. Butler will also attend the Capital Committee (CapCom) meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 3. He said the CapCom is making decisions for three to five years into the future and often talks about using CPC money, but nobody on the CPC is a part of their committee. He wants to help improve communication.

At next month's meeting, Mr. Butler will give reports on the CapCom meeting and his presentation at the public hearing/BOS meeting. Officers will be elected and there will be a discussion on open grants and the future anticipated projects list.

Rick Johanson agreed with the way Mr. Butler had handled the discussion of the surcharge increase. He said he felt there should be a defined purpose for proposing the increase. Kim Dietel said she agreed that it wasn't right for the CPC to be the entity leading the charge.

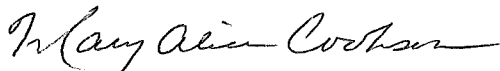
Approval of Meeting Minutes and Meeting Notes

Minutes Secretary Mary Alice Cookson asked if she should post the two sets of CPC meeting notes since nothing has been posted to the CPC webpage for a long time and the meeting notes technically do not require a vote. Mr. Butler said she should post them. The March 11 meeting minutes are still pending CPC approval.

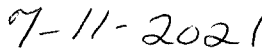
Adjourn

The meeting concluded at 7:21 p.m.

Prepared By:



Mary Alice Cookson
Minutes Secretary



Date