



CPC MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2014
GAR Hall, Country Way, Scituate

Members Present: Mrs. Lisa Halbower-Fenton Chair, Frank Snow, Mrs. Marla Minier, Mr. Harvey Gate, Josh McKain

- Call to order 7:09 pm. Motion made by Lisa Halbower-Fenton. Second Josh McKain. All in favor.
- Acceptance of Agenda. Motion was made by Harvey Gates. Second Marla Minier. All in favor.
- Acceptance of Minutes. There will not be a vote on the May minutes until Dave or Rob are present. Marla asked if there needed to be so much written about meeting discussions in the minutes. Lisa said that it was helpful for recall purposes. Priscilla writes the minutes from meeting notes and the tape recording. She forwards the draft of the minutes to Lisa for review and edit. Then they go to the committee for their edits. Finally, the minutes are voted on at an ensuing meeting.
- Coalition Update: Lisa advised the committee that the \$25 million has been approved and the town will be receiving their portion. The contribution will be lower than expected this year because the registry of deeds receipts is lower.
- Project Update and Review: Priscilla read down list of projects for status update, and Lisa provided feedback on their completion status. The information will be used for the Coalition update.
- Committee Update: At the June 8th Board of Selectmen meeting, they held off voting for CPC members since there were only three Selectmen in attendance. George Trafton applied to rejoin the committee. The other At-Large applicants included Susan Gallagher a resident professional in the public health area and Chris Roberts from the Recreation Department. Camille is stepping down from the committee. Lisa said there will be big changes in CPC and she did not believe that her application was going to be accepted. She told Josh and Marla that the position of Chair would have to be one of them. The committee bylaw states that the Chair needs to be an AT-Large member that has served on the committee for at least one year prior to being elected. The term for the Chair position is three years in duration. The committee votes for their Chair. Josh or Marla would be the only members that could be voted Chair if Lisa's application is not accepted. Lisa suggested that they Co-Chair the position if one person could not take on the responsibilities and time required of the position. Lisa asked that the committee not drop the ball on projects that support the community as a whole. She spoke on the great strides now being made by the Housing Authority and the Affordable Housing Trust on the New Driftway project. Stephen



Coulter and Joe Armstrong have started the momentum moving forward on the stalled project. Continuing public meetings are honing in on a design consisting of one story cluster homes for 55 and older. The neighbors would like to see the minimum number of units. Lisa asked that Frank check on the Conservation Agent Pat Galvin about the Conservation Restrictions (CRs) pending on CPC land purchases. Lisa told the committee that there needs to be follow up on these restrictions. Lisa offered her support to Frank on securing the CRs. She stated that the committee needs to work with forestry groups on land purchased in order to continue with trails and land management. The Board of Selectmen are less in favor with more Open Space purchases and believe CPA funds should be banked for projects planned for Gates renovation, ball fields, and other Town Hall projects. There are also Selectmen that would like to do away with CPA so they can raise taxes to fund these projects. Lisa also reminded the committee that even though both Dave and Rob are on the committee as Recreation liaisons, they count as one vote. Lisa said to the committee that Kathleen O'Donnell, the CPC attorney needs to be updated and pushed to get things done. There are two projects in the closing stage. Frank stated that Morse may have a draft of the survey for the Damon property done by tomorrow. Clifford will be appraising the property for \$2,500 and there are no forms for him to fill out. John Bulman is helping with the legal stuff for the surveyors. Frank said that John has been very helpful. Priscilla will email John, Clifford, and Kathleen access to the Damon file in the Drop Box. The Crosbie property was just about ready to close however Mr. Beal continues to have issue over the ancient right of way on the property. The Board of Selectmen needs to sign off on the old right of way. The ancient right of way goes into Appleton Field. Frank said the easement agreement is what makes the closing on the property complicated. Frank agreed to talk to John Bulman and Kathleen O'Donnell. Conservation has custody of the Appleton Field. The closing has taken a long time due to land court, recertification, and access issues. There was also been a dispute over the South Swamp boundaries. Frank agreed to have a conversation with Elliot and Butch as well. Once the closing on the property takes place a new road can go in for accessing. Lisa also suggested for the new Chair to insure there is better communication with the Board Selectmen. The new Chair needs to push for a Board of Selectmen liaison being present at CPC meetings.

- Adjourn 8:15 pm. Motion was made by Josh McKain. Second Marla Minier. All in favor.

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