

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**Minutes of Meeting
June 17, 2009**

Present: Paul Siegenthaler – Chairman, Jane Howard – Vice-Chairman
Janet Bernardo, Jack Cogswell, John Comando, Mark Gluesing,
Sheila Pransky

Absent: Bruce Eisenhut, Brian Nadler

Town Staff: Patricia Carey, Staff Liaison
Nicole DiCicco, Acting Recording Secretary

Guests: None

The meeting convened at 7:30 PM in the Newman School Conference Room.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Bernardo made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2009. Mr. Cogswell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

Ms. Bernardo made a motion to approve the minutes of the public hearing of March 31, 2009. Ms. Pransky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

Mr. Cogswell made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2009. Ms. Bernardo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

Mr. Gluesing made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 4, 2009. Mr. Comando seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

There were no minutes to be approved from the scheduled May 6, 2009 meeting as a quorum of the Community Preservation Committee was not able to attend the meeting, and there was no business, the meeting was cancelled. Ms. Bernardo made note that Mr. Comando's name was listed as both present and not present, when he was in fact not present at the May 6, 2009 meeting. *The minutes have been corrected to reflect this mistake.*

Mr. Cogswell made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 13, 2009. Ms. Pransky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

Mr. Cogswell made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2009. Ms. Pransky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as amended.

Chairman's Comments: No comments.

Review of Important Issues for Upcoming Year: Ms. Pransky announced that she was now the Executive Director of Needham Opportunities, Inc.(NOI). At this time, she will retain her seat on the Needham Housing Authority, but may ask for another member to take her place on the CPC. NOI is working on a project that will likely lead towards a CPA application, and Ms. Pransky noted that it might need to come forward for the Fall Special Town Meeting. The Committee agreed to review any requests in late August or early September, and then schedule any needed public hearing prior to Special Town Meeting.

The Committee discussed their annual schedule and whether changes were needed. Mr. Comando noted a request from some Finance Committee members for a long-term plan for CPC spending with priorities stated. Ms. Carey noted that the CPC already had that in their Community Preservation Plan. Mr. Gluesing noted it would be interesting to have some knowledge on potential future projects, but that none of the potential projects should be put in priority order. Mr. Cogswell noted that with Town Hall now a funded project, a review of potential funds could be undertaken to help see what would be available in the future. Ms. Howard stated it was important to update the information that had been gathered at the inception of the CPC. It was agreed that members representing Housing Authority, Historical Commission, Conservation Commission and Park and Recreation Commission should review the appropriate sections with their boards and report back on any needed changes to the Plan. There was a lengthy discussion about the Town's capital plan and utilizing information from that plan, but Ms. Pransky reminded the Committee that private organizations are not on the Town's capital plan so it can be used as a predictor of future projects. Mr. Siegenthaler suggested a fall public meeting to allow private organizations to discuss possible future projects. Ms. Bernardo wants to make sure that the eligibility of private organization projects was known to other boards.

Community Preservation Act - Information from Coalition and Department of Revenue: Ms. Carey shared information from the Community Preservation Coalition regarding the proposed legislation to amend the Community Preservation Act. Ms. Carey suggested inviting Community Preservation Coalition Director Stuart Saginor to attend a summer CPC meeting to explain the proposed amendments, and asking members of other boards to attend. Mr. Gluesing recommended writing a letter to the Coalition and to the sponsors highlighting the amendment that changes the wording for recreation uses, but recommending separation of the other two suggested amendments which are likely to prevent the bill from passing. Mr. Comando stated that supports of the text changes should be prepared to testify before the committee reviewing the bill. **Mr. Cogswell made a motion for the Community Preservation Committee to send a letter to the Community Preservation Coalition, Senator Creem, Representative Kulik, Senator Brown, Representative Harkins and the Board of Selectmen to separate and support item #3 on the Summary of an Act to Sustain Community Preservation – SB90.** Ms. Pransky seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously as amended. Ms.

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Carey offered to have a draft of the committee's letter prepared for the next scheduled meeting.

Summer Meeting Schedule: The Committee has scheduled the following meetings throughout the summer- July 15, 2009; August 12, 2009; September 9, 2009 and October 14, 2009.

Other Business: None presented.

Adjournment: Ms. Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM. Ms. Bernardo seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DiCicco
Acting Recording Secretary