



Community Preservation Committee Minutes (Draft)
Tuesday Feb. 11, 2025 at 7 PM
Acton Town Hall and Zoom

Present: Peter Berry, Tory Beyer, Dean Charter, Jim Colman (chair), Lori Cooney (clerk), Michele Ellicks, Jon Cappetta, Jaclyn Saltzman, Lees Stuntz, Steve Trimble (vice chair)

Others Present: Town employees: Kaila Sauer, Acton resident Joe Will, plus presenters

Regular Business – Steve Trimble called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Residents' concerns - none were raised

Review and approve minutes from previous meeting- Lee made a motion to approve. Jon seconded to unanimous approval with one abstention.

Administrative Updates & Reports – Kalia needs spreadsheets filled out ahead of next meeting.

New/Special Business

Presentations

Disc Golf Design and Construction – Acton Rec Dir. Melissa Settipani Rufo is requesting \$10,885 to build a 7 hole Disc Golf range in North Acton on Quarry Road near NARA. Project could break ground in June 2025. Minimal tree removal, but exact number unknown.

Acton Community Housing Corporation Fund- Janet Adachi explained the request for \$200,000. The money would replenish the fund. Currently one account has \$200,000 plus a second bank fund has \$80,000. Those balances are after McManus Manor got \$300K. Project on horizon: Habitat for Humanity home on Great Road where LeLyonnaise used to be.

Open Space Acquisition and Set Aside - Open Space committee chair Karen O'Neil explained the need for the \$750,000 request for Open Space. She explained it was consistent with past asks. Town has priority of saving open space. The fund will be depleted to less than \$100K after

the purchase of Wetherbee Woods. The payments of the bonds alone for Wetherbee and other land purchases is projected to be \$300K a year, just to pay off the debt. Karen talked about a number of potential land purchases, but nothing is imminent.

CPA Admin Support - Kalia presented this one. Max allows up to 5% of the CPC fund total could go to admin cost. That's 85K. They are asking for \$72,453 (so that's under 5%).

Historic Resources Project Updates - We got an update on CPC Historic projects going back to 2019. Most of the projects approved in the last two years have not begun. Exceptions are Isaac Davis Monument cleaning and Woodlawn Iron Gates.

Review Town Report - Kaila showed us the report that will be given to the town. It was met with general approval and great appreciation by the committee.

Administrative Matters and Updates

Next Meeting Dates

February 25 – Project Deliberation

March 11 – Project Deliberation, Open Space Project

March 25 – Project Deliberation if needed; Review Town Meeting warrant

Lori made a motion to adjourn. Jon seconded to unanimous approval at 8:09 p.m.

Updates Additional materials can be found here: <https://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-18804>