

Minutes
Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee
February 26, 2015
Acton Memorial Library

Members Present: Peter Ashton (Chair), Peter Berry, Tory Beyer, Jeff Clymer, Walter Foster, Amy Green (Vice Chair), Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Joe Will (Clerk)

Others Present: Roland Bartl (Acton Planning Director), Roland Bourdon (Finance Committee observer), Pat Hudson (Acton 2020)

Peter A opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

I. Minutes of February 12, 2015

- It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

II. Committee Deliberations on Project Requests and Recommendations - continued

- Peter A reviewed his discussion with the AB Schools on their Nature Play Spaces proposal, essentially the information he shared with the Committee in a February 24 email (see bottom of Minutes).
- Joe presented 3 reasons why the NARA Safety proposal should be given more consideration.
- Peter A and Joe provided additional information related to Boxborough's possible appropriation of \$40K for the Skate Park. Also noted, it is possible within CPA rules for a town to award CPA funding for a project in a neighboring town.
- Deliberations then ensued with the Committee coming to consensus for 2015 funding as shown in the "Final 2015 Worksheet" (see bottom of Minutes). These include the following project-funding percentages that hadn't been settled at the previous CPC meeting, or were reconsidered at this meeting.
 - 100% Water Chestnut Removal
 - 100% Arboretum irrigation
 - 0% Morrison Farm irrigation (for the second straight year)
 - 91% Nature Play Spaces
 - ~85% Discovery Woods/Creative Playscape
 - 0% NARA Safety Improvements
 - 0% T.J. O'Grady Skate Park Plaza(Note: The CPC expects the latter project to be resubmitted next year in conjunction with a supporting CPA proposal to the Boxborough CPC.)
- It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to fund the projects at the consensus numbers shown on the Worksheet, and with a reserve of \$45.5K.

III. Review Warrant Article

- The CPC reviewed the general form of the Warrant Article draft that had been prepared by Roland in advance of this meeting's decisions. The Committee suggested

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a few minor revisions. It was noted that any conditions on awards shown in the Warrant Article would be included in the award letters.

IV. Discuss Upcoming with Finance Committee (3/3/15)

- The date of the meeting is unclear, 03/03 or 03/10. (Roland subsequently confirmed that the meeting will be 03/10.)

V. Administrative updates

- The CPA Appropriations Article will likely be presented early on the second night of Town Meeting.
- The next CPC meeting (after the FinCom 03/10 meeting) will be 03/19. The purpose will be to go over the Town Meeting presentation. There will be no CPC meeting on 03/05, 03/12, or 03/26.
- Each liaison of funded projects should ask the bidders for a small collection of original, quality photos that can be used for TM presentation. Liaison reminder:
 - AHA and ACHC: Ken
 - Acton Woman’s Club: Tory (Roland already has Forest Cemetery photos)
 - Open Space: Susan
 - Fern Boardwalk and Water Chestnut Removal: Amy
 - Arboretum Well: Joe
 - Nature Play Spaces: Peter A
 - Discovery Woods/Creative Playscape: Walter
 - ARRT: Peter B

9:13 PM — It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Dates:

03/10/15 CPC Meeting with FinCom
03/19/15 CPC Meeting, Town Meeting prep
04/06/15 Town Meeting (ABRHS)

Please view the following documents at

<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-6614>

“Final 2015 Worksheet” and
“Schools' Natures Playspace Project” February 24, Peter Ashton email

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