

Meeting Minutes
Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee
May 24, 2007
Acton Public Library

Attending: Jon Benson, Tory Beyer, Catherine Coleman, Matt Lundberg, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Ed Starzec, Nancy Tavernier

Chair Catherine Coleman opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

1. Approval of Minutes from 4/26/07

The minutes of the 4/26/07 meeting were approved as drafted.

2. Website Improvements

Laura Mason of the Town's IT Department was present to discuss potential improvements to the Community Preservation Committee's web page on the Town's official website. The Town has purchased new software which will make these upgrades possible.

Committee members had several suggestions, including:

- a link to an entirely new CPC website;
- a better calendar function;
- an application form that can be filled out online;
- a "look" more like the LSCC website;
- better "searchability" (i.e., ensure that Google searches link properly);
- more pictures (but no clip art);
- a link to the Community Preservation Coalition website;
- past Town Meeting presentations; and
- a "resources" link (with links to the housing plan, comprehensive permit policy, etc.).

3. Project Status Report

Committee members offered small clarifications and corrections to the Project Status Report.

4. RFQ for Legal Services

The committee reviewed AHA's RFQ for legal services, which has already been sent out. Sue Cohen has been selected.

5. Lawyer's Weekly Article

The committee discussed the recent article on pending legislation that will affect the Community Preservation Act. There will be a hearing on the proposed legislation on July 10th in Boston.

There followed some discussion of scheduling a meeting with Stuart Saginor of the Community Preservation Coalition, which has been difficult due to the number of parties interested in attending. It was suggested that the committee move forward with scheduling its own meeting with Mr. Saginor and Marc Draisen, if available.

6. New Business

- End of year party at Catherine Coleman's home at 4PM on June 10th;
- there is an opening for an Associate Member;
- Peter Berry will be leaving the committee. He will be the Selectmen's CPC liaison.
- Walter Foster will be the Board of Selectmen's appointed representative on the CPC; and
- Andy Magee will be the Conservation Commission's appointee to the committee.

7. Future Meetings

- June 14th

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.