

**Town of Great Barrington**  
**Community Preservation Committee (CPC)**  
Minutes of April 6, 2021

This meeting was held via audio/video teleconference as noted on the agenda for this meeting.

**Call to Order** 5:00 PM by Chair Blauvelt.

Vice Chair Smith called the roll.

Six of nine members were present: Tom Blauvelt, Martha Fick, Jeremy Higa, Don Howe, Jim Mercer, and Karen W. Smith.

Leigh Davis, Patricia Sharpe, and Kate Van Olst were absent.

Also present: Christopher Rembold and Bill Cooke

**Minutes:** Smith moved to approve the March 16, 2021 minutes as written; Fick seconded. Roll call vote: Fick-aye, Higa-aye, Howe-aye, Mercer-aye, Smith-aye. Passed 5-0, and Blauvelt abstained.

**Housing Trust request to use unspent acquisition funds for predevelopment costs**

Rembold said last year's Town Meeting vote appropriated \$185,000 in total and there is \$14,815 unspent.

Smith moved to recommend that Town Meeting re-appropriate unspent CPA funds appropriated to the Housing Trust towards predevelopment costs for the North Plain Road project.

Smith said she thought the funds were for acquisition only.

Kate Van Olst arrived at 5:10 PM.

Howe said he thought early costs including survey work and predevelopment was included in the Town Meeting vote.

Bill Cooke, chair of the Trust fund, said yes that was the original intent, but it's not clear that the Town Meeting understood this. He said we are asking you and Town Meeting again for that authority, to be sure.

Blauvelt asked for a vote:

Smith – no, Fick – aye, Higa - aye, Howe - aye, Mercer - aye, Van Olst - aye, Blauvelt – aye. Passed 6-1.

**Committee Member Reports:** Fick said she is excited to see the progress on the path to CHP on Route 7.

**Citizen's Speak:** None

**Next Meeting:** to be determined

Smith moved to adjourn, Higa seconded. Without objection Blauvelt adjourned the meeting at 5:19 PM.

Minutes prepared by Christopher Rembold

