

Town of Great Barrington
Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Minutes of November 9, 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.

Eight of the nine members were present: Tom Blauvelt, Leigh Davis, Martha Fick, Jeremy Higa, Jim Mercer, Kate Van Olst, Patricia Sharpe, Karen W. Smith. Absent: Don Howe.

Also present: Christopher Rembold

Minutes: Davis moved to approve the September 8, 2021 minutes as written; Sharpe seconded. Roll call vote: Blauvelt-aye; Davis-aye; Fick-aye, Higa-aye, Mercer-aye, Van Olst-aye, Sharpe-aye; Smith-aye. Passed 8-0.

FY23 CPA Step 1 Applications:

Housing: Davis announced she would recuse herself from the discussions of the housing applications since she works for Construct, one of the applicants.

1. Town of GB Affordable Housing Trust:

The Town's Smith moved to invite a step 2 application. Van Olst seconded. Roll call vote: Higa-aye, Fick-aye, Mercer-aye, Smith-aye, Van Olst-aye, Sharpe-aye, and Blauvelt-aye. Davis recused. Passed 7-0.

2. Construct, for Eagle Cliff apartments:

Smith moved invite to invite a step 2 application. Fick seconded. Roll call vote: Higa-aye, Fick-aye, Mercer-aye, Smith-aye, Van Olst-aye, Sharpe-aye, and Blauvelt-aye. Davis recused. Motion passed 7-0.

3. CDC, for Berkshire Cottages:

Van Olst moved to invite a step 2 application. Higa seconded. Roll call vote: Higa-aye, Fick-aye, Mercer-aye, Smith-no, Van Olst-aye, Sharpe-no, and Blauvelt-aye. Davis recused. Passed 5-2.

Historic:

4. Alander Group, for 343 Main Street:

Davis moved to invite a step 2 application. Higa seconded. Roll call vote: Higa-aye, Fick-aye, Davis-aye, Mercer-aye, Smith-abstained, Van Olst-aye, Sharpe-aye, and Blauvelt-aye. Motion passed 7-0-1.

5. Town, for Castle Street pedestrian underpass:

Smith moved to invite a step 2 application. Higa seconded. Roll call vote: Higa-aye, Fick-aye, Davis-aye, Mercer-aye, Smith-aye, Van Olst-aye, Sharpe-aye, and Blauvelt-aye. Passed 8-0.

Open Space/Recreation

6. Town, for Memorial Field improvements:

Davis moved to invite a step 2 application. Higa seconded. Roll call vote: Higa-aye, Fick-aye, Davis-aye, Mercer-aye, Smith-aye, Van Olst-aye, Sharpe-aye, and Blauvelt-aye. Passed 8-0.

7. Town, for Lake Mansfield aquatic vegetation survey
Smith moved to invite a step 2 application. Davis seconded. Roll call vote: Higa-aye, Fick-aye, Davis-aye, Mercer-aye, Smith-aye, Van Olst-aye, Sharpe-aye, and Blauvelt-aye. Passed 8-0.
8. Town, for McAllister Wildlife Refuge:
Smith moved to invite a step 2 application. Higa seconded. Roll call vote: Higa-aye, Fick-aye, Davis-aye, Mercer-aye, Smith-aye, Van Olst-aye, Sharpe-aye, and Blauvelt-aye. Passed 8-0.
9. Berkshire Waldorf, for forest restoration:
Higa moved to invite a step 2 application. Davis seconded. Roll call vote: Higa-aye, Fick-aye, Davis-aye, Mercer-aye, Smith-no, Van Olst-aye, Sharpe-aye, and Blauvelt-aye. Passed 7-1.

Reports from Committee Members: None

Citizen's Speak: None

Next Meeting: January 6 and January 11, 2022, both at 5:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Minutes prepared by:



Christopher Rembold