

Town of Great Barrington
Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Minutes of July 21, 2022

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

Call to Order 5:30 PM by Vice Chair Smith. Assistant Town Manager Christopher Rembold presided for this meeting.

Present: Martha Fick, Jeremy Higa, Jim Mercer, Patricia Sharpe, Karen W. Smith, and Kate Van Olst. Madonna Meagher was present to represent the Finance Committee.

Not present: Leigh Davis and Philip Orenstein. A GBHA representative is not appointed yet.

Reorganize: This item was tabled until the next meeting when it is expected all will be present.

Minutes: Smith moved to approve the minutes from the March 29 meeting. Mercer seconded. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor, 6-0.

Community Preservation Coalition Dues: Smith moved to approve the payment of dues to the Community Preservation Coalition in the amount of \$2,875 for this fiscal year. Higa seconded. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor, 6-0.

CPA Plan: Smith said the Parks Commission is working on a survey regarding park and recreation needs.

Sharpe said there is still a need to complete sidewalk networks, particularly to connect housing sites to the hospital and other services. Sections including West Avenue, Silver Street, and Alford Road were mentioned. The committee might encourage Town agencies to prioritize projects like this.

Higa thought that since sidewalks can be funded by the Town, CPA funds might be better spent on projects that need more funds, and/or usually cannot raise enough funds. He said examples might be land for farmers, and housing for farmers.

Sharpe said as temperatures warm we might consider public swimming pools; cooling resources are important. Higa added a thought about splash parks. Smith said when the skate park was built, it included pipes for such a future use.

Mercer said there is a need to fund inventory and preservation of historic archives.

Reports from Committee Members: None

Citizen's Speak: None

Next Meeting: August 23 at 5:30.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 PM.

Minutes prepared by:
Christopher Rembold

