

Town of Great Barrington
Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Minutes of September 8, 2020

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.

Blauvelt called the roll and the following five members were present:

Thomas Blauvelt, Martha Fick, Jeremy Higa, Don Howe, Jim Mercer

Also present: Chris Rembold

Absent: Kate Van Olst, Leigh Davis, Patricia Sharpe, and Karen W. Smith.

Administrative Items:

Higa moved to approve the minutes from May 12, 2020, Fick seconded. On a roll call vote, all voted in favor except Blauvelt who abstained. Passed 4-0-1.

Higa moved to approve the minutes from July 21, 2020, Blauvelt seconded. On a roll call vote, Higa, Howe and Blauvelt voted yes, and Fick and Mercer abstained. Passed 3-0-2.

Community Preservation Coalition dues: Fick moved to approve the paying the dues for \$1750. Higa seconded. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor. Passed 5-0.

CPA Plan Public Hearing:

Howe moved to open the hearing, Fick seconded. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor.

Ed Abrahams had the only public comment, which was to ask the Committee to keep its funding priorities as flexible as possible this year, since there is so much uncertainty.

There were no other public comments or comments from other boards and committees.

Howe moved to close the hearing, Mercer seconded. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor.

Two corrections (deletions of old items) were made to the housing priorities of the draft plan. Also, Higa suggested the open space priorities be more explicit in advocating for a connection between the village centers. All agreed.

Howe moved to approve the CPA Plan as amended. Higa seconded. On a roll call vote, all members voted in favor. Passed 5-0.

CPA FY'22 Applications:

As discussed last time Step 1 will be due October 2 and Step 2 due November 6.
Rembold will issue the CPA Plan and the applications as soon as possible.

Citizen's Speak: None

Next Meetings: October 6, November 10, and November 17

Blauvelt adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Minutes prepared by Christopher Rembold

