

Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee Meeting
Minutes
February 27, 2008
School Committee Room, Longmeadow High School

Present: William Hoff (Chair), Arlene Miller (Vice Chair), Peter Bouvier, Steve Gazillo, Roy Johansen, Betsy Port, Rebecca Townsend.

Two guests (Brester Sturtevant of the Historical Commission and Courtney Llewellyn of *The Reminder*)

7:03 Chair William Hoff called the meeting to order.

1. Mr. Hoff opened the floor for public comment. No comments were offered.
2. Mr. Hoff opened discussion on the minutes of the 2/20 meeting. The following corrections were made:

#3c. Questioned whether turf proposal meets criteria.

#5. Notes are attached.

#6 2007-6.

First paragraph: Arlene Miller and Kate Tobin recused themselves from voting on the content of the proposal .

Second Paragraph: 2 recused (Arlene Miller and Kate Tobin).

2007-8 Motion defeated: 0 in favor; 7 opposed, 1 absent (Betsy Port)

Mr. Johansen moved, seconded by Ms. Miller, that the minutes be accepted as corrected.

Following discussion, Mr. Hoff called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Mr. Hoff reported on the conversation he had with Stuart Saginor, Executive Director of the Community Preservation Coalition. Mr. Saginor was very helpful in crafting the wording for warrant articles. He also provided key information about how the funds may be spent.
 - a. Due to Massachusetts General Law, the projects must be funded using referent to a specific fiscal year's funding source. If Community Preservation Funds have not been appropriated into their respective sub-funds (i.e. housing, historical preservation, open space reserve, administration, or undesignated funds) PRIOR to the tax rate being set for the upcoming fiscal year, those funds may not be spent in calendar year 2008. Longmeadow fall Town Meeting did not appropriate money to go into those reserves, so they are ineligible for application to the recommended projects.
 - b. Funds from 2008 (including the local surcharge and state match) may NOT be used to fund the 2007-dated projects. Since the town has not set the 2009 tax rate, anticipated FY 2009 CPA Revenue is available for appropriation.
 - c. In subsequent years, the Community Preservation Committee ought to appropriate the anticipated local surcharge and the anticipated state match into the designated funds so that they are available for project appropriation in the spring Annual Town Meeting.
4. Mr. Hoff explained the proposed warrant articles and spreadsheets (see attached). Discussion followed regarding how we fund projects: whether it is better to spend only out of the "undesignated" funds or out of the particular reserve accounts.

Ms. Miller moved , seconded by Mr. Johansen, that Article A on the CPA Funds Distribution Warrant Articles document be approved as presented. Following discussion, Mr. Hoff called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Port left the meeting due to a schedule conflict.

5. Discussion then focused on the specific projects warrant articles. After much discussion and amendments to the language for each one, votes were cast as follows:
 - a. Article A. Mr. Johansen moved, seconded by Ms. Miller, to approve the article as amended. Following discussion, Mr. Hoff called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Article B. Mr. Johansen moved, seconded by Ms. Miller, to approve the article as amended. Following discussion, Mr. Hoff called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Article C. Mr. Johansen moved, seconded by Mr. Gazillo, to approve the article as amended. Following discussion, Mr. Hoff called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Article D. Mr. Johansen moved, seconded by Gazillo, to approve the language of the article as amended. Following discussion, Mr. Hoff called for a vote. The motion carried, with 4 in favor (Bouvier, Hoff, Johansen, Miller) and two opposed (Gazillo, Townsend).
 - e. Article E. Mr. Johansen moved, seconded by Mr. Bouvier, to approve the article as amended. Following discussion, Mr. Hoff called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Due to the sense of the Committee, the order of the warrant articles would change to the following order: A, E, B, F, C, D (Community House, Vital Records, Patio, Tables, Images, Streetlights)
6. To expedite getting the warrant article before the Select Board in time, Mr. Johansen moved, seconded by Ms. Miller, to authorize William Hoff to modify the articles as recommended by Town Counsel or the Community Preservation Coalition Executive Director.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca M. Townsend, acting clerk