

TOWN OF WENHAM

Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2016
Wenham Town Hall, 138 Main Street

Pursuant to the Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. Chapter 30 A, §§ 18-25, written notice posted by the Town Clerk delivered to all Committee members, a meeting of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7 PM.

With a quorum present, Ms. Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Committee Present: At-Large Members Harriet Davis, Chair; Kennan Anderson; Patrick Waddell, Clerk;

Town Representatives: Arthur Burt, Wenham Housing Authority; Vice Chair Leo Maestranzi, Conservation Commission; Virginia Rogers, Planning Board; Barbara Locke Historic District Commission

Not Present: Tom Starr; Dennis Curran, Joint Recreation Board

Public Information:

Mass General Law chapter 44B Section 7 governs the Community Preservation Act.

The surcharge on real property in Wenham as voted is three percent; three percent is the maximum surcharge allowed.

The Chair announced that in the absence of the Recording Secretary, the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of preparing minutes

Agenda

Minutes

Approve Minutes

The spelling and other minor edits were made by the Committee, and the following minutes approved:

VOTE: Mr. Waddell moved, and it was seconded to approve the CPC meeting minutes of the **January 13, 2016** as edited.
The motion carried unanimously.

There was a side discussion of understanding regarding the make-up of the Community Preservation Commission and the terms. This will be further discussed during the next session. The terms of the Commission end on May 31.

VOTE: Mr. Burt moved, and it was seconded to approve the CPC meeting minutes of **the January 28, 2016** as edited.
The motion carried unanimously

VOTE: Ms. Rogers moved, and it was seconded to approve the CPC meeting minutes of the **February 1, 2016** as edited.
The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE: Mr. Waddell moved, and it was seconded to approve the CPC meeting minutes of the **February 10, 2016** as edited.
The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE: Mr. Waddell moved, and it was seconded to approve the CPC meeting minutes of the **February 22, 2016** as edited.
The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE: Mr. Waddell moved, and it was seconded to approve the CPC meeting minutes of the **April 2, 2016**. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Pingree Playground Replacement

Mr. Waddell observed that Harriet Pingree donated the property known as Pingree Park, to the Town of Wenham for a park and Playground in 1916.

Ms. Davis reported that an inspection of the playground in Pingree park found safety concerns and the Selectmen closed the playground immediately.

Ms. Davis went on to say that the Selectmen are considering options if the Town wants to replace the equipment; the estimated cost to replace the playground is expected to exceed \$100,000.

Ms. Davis stated that although there is no application before the CPC at this time, the Town has the option to submit an application for CPA funding for a new playground. The Town would need a Special Fall Town Meeting to vote on the Commission's recommendation on the application. The Selectmen also identified one other option to use Reserve Funds to pay for a new playground.

Some members of the Committee questioned if Hamilton CPC funds could also be applied for and used towards.

Ms. Davis observed there is a joint agreement with the Town of Hamilton but it does not clarify who owns or maintains the playground equipment. This current equipment was purchased via fund raising and installed by volunteers.

It was noted that the CPC recently approved CPA funding for the Winthrop School playground in Hamilton.

A discussion followed regarding the possible support of an application, should one be submitted by the Town.

The majority of Committee members agreed that CPA funds (Wenham/Hamilton) be sought before the Town uses Reserve Funding.

New business, if any

There was none.

Adjournment

The Committee unanimously adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By

Catherine Tinsley

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