

West Boylston
Community Preservation Committee
February 20, 2018

Members present: Brenda Bowman, Beverly Goodale,
Chris Rucho, Vincent Vignaly, Patricia Halpin, Patrick
Crowley Absent: Steve Blake, Cheryl Carlson,
Guest: Colleen Abrams

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm

Minutes of August 30, 2017 were approved. Upon motion
of Chris Rucho and second by
it was voted unanimously to confirm the vote of August
30, 2017 to authorize Patrick Crowley, as chair, and Steve
Blake in his absence, to sign invoices for approved
applications.

Patrick Crowley distributed copies of financial statement.

Upon the motion of Chris Rucho and the second of
Vincent Vignaly it was unanimously voted to approve the
payment of \$850 to the Community Preservation
Coalition for annual dues support.

Colleen Abrams of the Wachusett Greenways outlined the
plans to extend the rail trail to connect the trail from
Parking lot over 140 causeway to Pleasant Street. The
project would require a bridge adjacent to highway and
the figure of \$3 million was proposed as cost of project.
Ms Abrams hopes for a strong commitment from West
Boylston CPA funds to the project together with grants
from foundations and the state. Questions arose as to use

since construction would partially be on DCR land and subject therefore to DCR regulations. The rail trail is a valued resource for recreation by West Boylston residents. Ms Abrams was encouraged to create conceptual drawings to accompany the formal submission of the project. Such drawings could then be used to educate residents should the project get recommended for town meeting consideration.

Thee being no further business, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm

Patricia Halpin, secretary pro tem