

APPROVED: 5-5-16

**WEST BOYLSTON
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
April 11, 2016**

Members present: George Bernardin, Steve Blake, Brenda Bowman, Pat Crowley, Bev Goodale, and Charleen Hopkins.

Absent: Cheryl Carlson, Pat Halpin, and Chris Rucho

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting were approved as mailed.

OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE APPLICATION

The Committee first reviewed an application dated April 11, 2016 entitled "Minnich Farm CR – 353 Goodale Street, signed by Mike Peckar as a member of the Open Space Committee. The amount of the request is \$215,500 and relates to the purchase of a conservation restriction ("CR") for \$206,800 on a 12.51 acre parcel of land, plus \$8,700 for construction of parking, survey work and signage. Vincent Vignaly, Chair of the Committee, joined the meeting to speak in favor of the application, and Charleen Hopkins, as a member of the Community Preservation Committee as well as the Conservation Commission, also gave information regarding the application.

After a preliminary explanation of the proposal, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to accept the late filing of the application. Then, after motion duly made and seconded, it was also voted to postpone additional consideration of the application until a future meeting. At such meeting, the Committee wants to be presented with information as to what the provisions of the CR would be and with much additional information about the financial aspects of the proposal. It was also agreed that Dennis Minnich should be notified that the Committee is interested in the application, but that there is insufficient time to have the application reviewed and voted on in time to be on the warrant for the May Semiannual 2016 Town Meeting.

In connection with developing a revised application, the question was raised as to whether the CPC administrative account could be a source of funds for upfront costs, such as appraisals and surveys. It was agreed that the Committee might approve such spending from its administrative account, upon the request by the Open Space Committee. To increase the amount in the administrative account to make this possible, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: that the warrant article relating to the Community Preservation Committee funding for FY 2017 at the May 2016 Semiannual Town Meeting include the amount of \$20,000 for Committee Administrative Expenses.

PARKS COMMISSION APPLICATION:

The Committee then reviewed the application dated March 3, 2016 entitled “Practice Field/Pine Grove” signed by Steven Blake and Bob Dunne as Parks Commissioners – in which \$52,817 is requested. This application was given a preliminary review at the March 21, 2016 meeting – at which time it was agreed to defer further action until the Committee has received information from the DPW as to its costs in time and materials in connection with the project – as well as information as to the impact of taking on such a project on its other assignments. At the meeting, Mike Kittredge, representing the DPW, explained that most of the DPW work on the project, such as removing trees, had already been accomplished and that completing project should not involve any substantial additional DPW time or expense. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To recommend that the warrant article relating to the March 2016 application submitted by the Parks Commission relating to enlarging the practice field in the Pine Grove section of Goodale Park be adopted at the May 2016 semiannual Town Meeting.

NEXT MEETING: A date for the next meeting was not set – but the Chair indicated that he would schedule a meeting if and when it would be appropriate to receive additional information regarding the application by the Open Space Committee relating to the Minnich property.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn at 6:50 pm.

A true record:

George F. Bernardin, Secretary