

Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2025 at 7:04pm

Location:

- Virtual meeting (WRPS recording with a live broadcast on YouTube)

Attendees:

- Steve O'Donnell
- Derek Ewell
- Joe Reis
- Thom Roache
- Ian Davidson
- Guest: Jeanne Blaney (Rockland Recreation)
- Administrative Assistant: Karen Ripley

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes from April 30, 2025:

- Minutes were reviewed; a motion by Joe Reis, seconded by Tom Roche, all in favor

Handwritten Notes (Substitute Minutes) for January 16, 2020:

- Steve explained these notes were his personal records taken in lieu of formal minutes.
- Discussion ensued regarding their accuracy and completeness.
- The motion was made to accept these handwritten notes as a substitute for the missing official meeting minutes.
- A motion to approve these replacement minutes was put forward with a roll call vote by Joe, seconded by Derek, all in favor.

Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2020:

- These handwritten records, noting discussion on current projects were presented.
- A motion to approve these replacement minutes was put forward with a roll call vote motion by Derek, seconded by Ian, all in favor.

Discussion of Hartsuff Park Open Space Use Plan

- Presentation & Study Overview:
 - The committee reviewed a final study on the Hartsuff Park open space use plan (dated September 27, 2021).
 - The study included community survey results, current facility conditions, and proposed designs for improvements such as pedestrian paths, ADA-compliant restrooms, bathhouse/pavilion concepts, and playground improvements.

Motion by Joe, seconded by Derek to take agenda out of order.

Jeanne Blaney left meeting at 7:54.

Reasonably Unanticipated New Business

Affordable Housing - Discussion with Town planner Allison Quinn regarding possible use of CPA funds for affordable housing units on Midfield Drive.

Election of Officers and New Leadership Considerations

- Service Transition:
 - Steve O'Donnell announced that his CPA service is coming to a close as he moves into his role on the Select Board.
 - He expressed gratitude for his tenure and noted that his current term ends on June 2.
- Leadership Discussion:
 - The committee discussed the need to elect or appoint a new chair.
 - There was a broad consensus that a vice-chair might temporarily assume chair responsibilities until a more permanent solution can be determined.
 - Charlie Williams to remain as Vice Chair
 - Tom Reagan to remain Treasurer
- Need to recruit new members.
- Motion to table until all members can give input by Derek, seconded by Ian, Steve votes against, Joe and Thom vote in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 8:32pm by Joe, seconded by Ian, all in favor.

Submitted respectfully,

Karenann Ripley