

## **Community Preservation Committee**

November 28, 2017

Police Station Conference Room

Minutes

### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Mike Dissette called a regular meeting of the Community Preservation Committee to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

In attendance were Mike Dissette, Don Little, Steve Sawyer, Jane Healey and Joe Lamb. Paul Healy, Dan Koen and Sarah White were absent. Michael Frey and Erin LaRosa of the Open Space Committee were also in attendance.

### **3. Joint Meeting with Open Space Committee**

Andy Port emailed the CPC on November 9 about two lots at the Colby Farm property. The City was notified in April that an offer of \$669,000 had been made for Lot 1 and Lot 7. The parcels are subject to Section 61A, which would allow the City the right of first refusal to purchase them at the same price. The City would have been required to exercise this option within 120 days.

The City previously purchased Lot 8 for \$275,000, expecting it could be used to access Lot 1, which could be used for playing fields or open space. The CPC recommended that \$100,000 be earmarked for the future acquisition of Lot 1. No action was taken on the purchase of that lot when it became in April due to site constraints and a lack of funding. The option has now expired. Andy Port asked that the CPC discuss with members the Open Space Committee where Colby Farm property would fall on its list of priorities for acquiring land.

It was noted in the meeting that Andy Port sent a second email on November 17 indicating the potential buyer of Lots 1 and 7 had backed out of the deal, giving the City a second opportunity to consider their acquisition.

Mike Dissette said the priority of the Open Space Committee might be the acquisition of land near the Town Forest off Turkey Hill Road. The CPC would consider an application for the purchase of Colby Farm property if one were to be submitted. There are significant wetlands on Lot 1, which might lessen the pressure for it to be developed.

### **4. Minutes**

Mike Dissette moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting. Don Little seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Jane Healey and Steve Sawyer abstaining.

### **5. General Business**

In all likelihood the December 26 meeting will be cancelled and the next meeting of the CPC will take place on January 23. Grant applications are due on February 8.

Jane Healey has conducted research on historic preservation restrictions. She will send a link to the information, which potentially could be included on the grant application.

### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.