

Community Preservation Committee  
Minutes  
Meeting June 15, 2011  
Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Station

The Wellesley Community Preservation Committee met at 7:30 PM in the Kingsbury Room at the Wellesley Police Station.

**Present were the following CPC members:** Jack Morgan (Chair), Allan Port (Vice Chair), Tony Parker, Joan Gaughan, Jim Conlin, and Stephen Murphy. Bob Goldkamp and Dwight Lueth arrived at 7:35PM. Absent was Don McCauley. Susan Minio, CPC administrative assistant, was also present.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

**Citizen Speak**

There were no citizens who chose to speak.

**Update on existing projects:**

Joan Gaughan gave an update on the Wellesley Conservation Council application received at the last meeting. She met with Christine Lawson who submitted the application on behalf of the Council. Ms. Gaughan noted that it is small overgrown parcel at the end of Russell Road that has access to Morse's Pond. It was her belief that ultimately the land is in need of maintenance which is not eligible for CPC funding. It was also noted that the landowner residing next to the land under discussion has made an offer on the space. Ms. Gaughan made the suggested that the Council sell the piece of land to the Town for preservation of open space. Ms. Lawson will take this back to the council.

**Discussion on possible additional WHA building projects**

The Chair raised an opportunity for CPC to work closely with the Wellesley Housing Authority and the new Ad Hoc Facilities Maintenance Committee to identify possible housing projects. Stephen Murphy was intrigued by the idea from a housing perspective to attempt to look beyond immediate maintenance issues. The Chair stated that CPC cannot spend money on maintenance so it would need to be rehabilitation projects. However, buildings like the Morton Circle development have certainly reached the level of rehabilitation. Allan Port, vice chair, stated that he would like Wellesley Housing Authority to come forward with a proposal rather than having the impetus for possible projects to come from the CPC. Additionally, he does not believe the Ad Hoc Facilities Maintenance Committee should be expending energy on these properties when there are multiple Town buildings that need a plan and a strategy to get maintenance and or rehabilitation strategies in place. Finally, CPC has made commitments to large projects and therefore would need to explore financial expenditures carefully. Bob Goldkamp noted the challenges facing housing in the Town due to State funding constraints. Tony Parker gave a brief history of community housing in Wellesley and the role of the Town vs the state. Jim Conlin stated that he would like to see the Wellesley Housing Authority become a more viable part of the Town. The discussion ended with the Chair noting that the CPC is keen to see more housing projects come forward for consideration.

**Committee reorganization**

Jack Morgan officially resigned as Chair effective 30 June, 2011. Barbara McMahon will be joining the committee as a Moderator appointee. Vice Chair, Allan Port made a motion to elect Mr. Tony Parker as the Chair of the CPC. Joan Gaughan seconded the motion. The motion to elect Tony Parker as the new Chair of the CPC, effective 1 July 2011 carried unanimously

