

CPC Meeting Minutes –May 16, 2012
6:45 PM
NRC Room
Wellesley Town Hall

The Wellesley Community Preservation Committee met at 6:45 PM in the NRC meeting room at the Wellesley Town Hall.

Present were the following CPC members: Tony Parker (Chair), Allan Port (Vice Chair), Dwight Lueth, Jim Conlin, Joan Gaughan, Barbara McMahon, Bob Goldkamp, Kathy Egan, and Jeanne Conroy. Susan Minio, CPC administrative assistant, was also present.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
No citizens chose to speak.

Morse's Pond Dredging

Attending:

Michael Pakstis, Director of Department of Public Works (DPW);

Owen Dugan, Selectman

Susan Hurwitz, Chair. The Friends of Morses Pond

Dr. Ken Wagner, environmentalist (AECOM)

Mike Pakstis gave a historical overview of the study and work implemented at the pond since 2004. There is one outstanding project from the original study – the dredging of the north basin of the pond. They have \$500,000 bonded and set aside to accomplish this, however, earlier bids for the work came in well beyond original estimates. The group has come forward to request additional funding from CPC to dredge the basin. Mr. Pakstis outlined the need, and timeline. Dr. Ken Wagner explained the processes and the timing of the dredging and answered questions around safety, contaminants, and urgency. He assured the CPC that all water and waste would be contained and would not impact the parking area where the de-watering would take place. They have secured all needed permits and permissions to commence with the work and will open bids on May 31. The Chair noted that there were a number of issues that the CPC needed to consider with this proposed project including: Amount being requested, absence of the project from the 5-year plan, short deadline, and eligibility.

The Morse Pond group is willing to attend the May 22 meeting if there are additional questions or comments needed for the CPC to consider.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm