

**Town of Wellesley
Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2010**

The Community Preservation Committee met in Room 008 (Basement classroom), Warren Building, 90 Washington Street on September 16, 2010 at 7:30pm

Present were the following CPC members: Jack Morgan (Chair), Allan Port (Vice Chair), Bob Goldkamp, Tony Parker, Stephen Murphy, Don McCauley, Jim Conlin, and Joan Gaughan. Susan Minio, CPC administrative assistant was also present. Absent was Kara Cicchetti.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

No citizens chose to speak.

Update on Fuller Brook Project (Rose Mary Donahue, CPC representative on the Fuller Brook Park Coordinating Committee, Neal Seaborn, Chair FBPCC and NRC, and Katherine Babson, Board of Selectmen, Chair and member of the FBPCC.

- Handout New Fuller Brook Park Work Plan from Pressley

Rose Mary Donahue gave an update on the public meeting held on September 15th. Over 100 people were in attendance with roughly 60-75% of the audience consisting of abutters. There was a repeat of the meeting on the morning of the 16th and it was well attended as well.

Neal Seaborn mentioned the Fuller Brook web site www.wellesleyma.gov/fullerbrook as a good resource for updates and information on the project.

Much of the conversation at the night meeting revolved around the pathway – its makeup and design. Joan Gaughan suggests that the FBPCC solicit additional voices on how they use the park and the pathway to make sure that all parts of the community are heard from on this issue. Ms. Donahue said that additional and more varied outreach was in the plan including additional outreach to the schools that can be reached via the pathway. Jack Morgan mentioned that there is a central PTO and members of the FBPCC will be doing additional outreach to this community. Jim Conlin suggested that they get a monitoring box that can give FBPCC a better idea of the number of people that do use the park in certain areas. There is some of this numeric data, but Jim believes that more could be useful.

Tony Parker mentioned that there is more at stake than just the path. There are restoration issues and storm water issues that should be a focus. Ms. Donahue noted that the conversation at the morning meeting was more focused on these additional issues and that the FBPCC will make sure these issues are at the forefront of the conversation going forward. There has been extensive data gathering and now a plan will begin to come together for the stream bed, embankments, and vegetation and tree issues.

Ms. Donahue noted that there were early Warren Manning Documents found- including 40 plans and original sketches. These documents may need to be evaluated and scanned and included in the plan. It would cost approximately \$5300.00 to catalog and this can be done through the contingency funds budgeted as part of the \$250,000 appropriation.

There was a brief discussion around what to do with these documents beyond their immediate use in planning the projects and there will be additional conversations around the value of these documents.

Invoice Approvals

Fuller Brook Park Invoices

- An invoice from DPW for \$16,538.51 for continued survey work
- An invoice from MILA Landscape Architects for \$2,565.00 for consulting work
- An invoice for \$114.00 from Windsor Press for postcards for the hearing

Allen Port moved to approve payment of the three Fuller Brook Park invoices noted above from the Fuller Brook Park appropriation. Joan Gaughan seconded the motion. After a vote the motion carried unanimously.

St. James invoice

- An invoice for \$3,200 from Gale Associates, Inc. for planning services to the St. James Parcel

Allen Port moved to approve payment of the Gale Associates invoice for \$3,200 from the CPC Administrative funds. The motion was seconded by Tony Parker. After a vote the motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of change in CPC invoice approval process

Jack Morgan raised the question as to whether the committee would be willing to allow the two CPC officers to approve and pay invoices to ensure a quick turn- around. He noted that in addition to the CPC officer oversight, most of the invoices are being looked at by additional Town boards. Jim Conlin raised some concerns around some of the projects and the approval process. There was a discussion around the process for approval and the need for oversight of certain projects where the money was appropriated to CPC. The discussion concluded that the CPC would continue to vote to approve all invoices.

Approval of minutes of September 1, 2010 meeting

Tony Parker moved to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2010 meeting. Stephen Murphy seconded the motion. It was noted that there were a few corrections to the minutes. These corrections were made. The minutes, with amendments, were approved by the CPC with seven ayes and one abstention. Jim Conlin abstained from the vote as he was not at the prior meeting.

Updates on approved or potential new projects

Jack Morgan mentioned that he had heard nothing more about the Substation and no application has been submitted.

Meeting Scheduling

It was raised that there are some overlapping meetings with FBPCC public meetings on October 27 and December 15. CPC will reschedule these meetings to other days.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2010 at 7:30pm Kingsbury Room at the Police Station.