

CPC Meeting Minutes –May 16, 2012
8:55 PM
NRC Room
Wellesley Town Hall

The Wellesley Community Preservation Committee met at 8:55 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 8:55 p.m. after the close of the Public Hearing.

No citizens chose to speak.

900 Worcester Street

The Chair opened discussion on the proposed purchase of 900 Worcester Street. Allan Port, Vice Chair, gave a brief update on the last meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee including: Discussions on the role of that group going forward and the appropriate percentage of the land to be purchased utilizing CPC funds that allow for proper conservation as well as flexibility for the Town in the property's usage going forward.

Allan Port made a motion to approve, the usage of CPA funds to cover 62.5% of the acquisition costs of the land at 900 Worcester Street (with the same percentage of land placed under one or more conservation restrictions) not to exceed \$3.6 million. The appropriation is to be funded as follows: \$700,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve and the remainder from Community Preservation unallocated funds. The motion to be final and binding subject to the approval of the final language of the motion put before Special Town Meeting on June 13.

Joan Gaughan seconded the motion.

After a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Morse's Pond Dredging Project

The CPC discussed the application for funding and the presentation from the Morse's pond group from the meeting held at 6:45 p.m. that evening. The Chair raised a number of issues around timing, five-year planning, and urgency.

After a discussion, Allan Port moved that the CPC support the dredging project of Morse's Pond up to the maximum of \$400,000 subject to being the last dollars spent after the exhaustion of the debt exclusion appropriation already secured for this project by the Morse's Pond group, and after appropriate assurances have been made and secured that this project has the appropriate safeguards in place.

Joan Gaughan seconded this motion.
After a vote it carried unanimously.

CPC will book tentative meetings for May 22, June 6, and June 13 (prior to STM) dependent on when final language is approved for the above articles.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm

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