



**NORTHBRIDGE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 08, 2024**

Date: Monday, January 8th, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Glenn King, Chairman and Member at Large; Harry Berkowitz, Vice Chairman and Member at Large; Michael Wilkes, Clerk/Planning Board Representative; Jill Leonard, School Committee Representative; Rainer Forst, Member at Large

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barbara McNamee, Conservation Commission Representative; Christine Johnson, Historical Commission Representative; Karen Rogers, Play & Recreation Representative

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

R. Gary Bechtholdt II, Town Planner/CPC Admin.

I. CALL TO ORDER

G King called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. After conducting a roll call and noting the presence of a quorum, the meeting was officially opened.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The committee unanimously decided to table the vote on the minutes from the December 11th meeting until the next meeting scheduled for February 5th.

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence and Communications: The committee reviewed and discussed correspondence from the school committee in regard to potentially revamping the softball and baseball fields in town. While this was just an initial discussion, it was noted that the project would most likely be eligible as it would most likely fall under the same guidelines as the basketball court. The committee also noted that they would need to review the balances within our accounts before any formal discussions were to begin.

Discussion on CPA Fund Balances: The committee examined the current allocation of funds, including amounts designated for various projects and allocation of funds.

Committee vacancy: The committee is actively seeking to fill a vacancy in regard to a representative from the housing authority.

2024 Spring Town Meeting: It was noted that the committee will be supporting two articles already on the warrant. Both articles relate to The Fletcher Homestead. The committee also noted they would like to meet with the historical society ahead of Town Meeting and invited them to the next committee meeting February 5th, 2024.

The committee also had a discussion relating to administrative affairs in regard to allocation of funds. Upon a motion made by H Berkowitz and seconded by M Wilkes the committee unanimously voted to sponsor the FY25 CPA Revenues, etc. article. It was observed and recorded that the budget allocated to the committee has remained consistent, without substantial alterations.

Annual Report: G Bechtholdt sent out a draft ahead of time to the committee. There were no initial comments or amendments. G Bechtholdt did note if anyone committee members had any alterations to please let him know.

Next Meeting: The next meeting has been scheduled for February 5th, 2024, at 6:30 PM via ZOOM.

Future Agenda Items: The next meeting will primarily focus on the public outreach with the historical society. C Johnson noted that she would be willing to go on local access TV to promote the project. G Bechtholdt is going to connect with the historic society in town.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by H Berkowitz, and seconded by M Wilkes, the committee voted unanimously to adjourn until February 5th, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

Prepared by: Michael J. Wilkes, Clerk

Submitted by:

R. Gary Bechtholdt, Town Planner/CPC Admin

Dated Approved: _____