

**MILLIS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2020
Room 229 Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA**

The public hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. with notice being read by Mr. Maltinsky, Chair.

Members present: Nathan Maltinsky, Chair
 Wendy Barry, Treasurer
 Loring Barnes
 James McKay
 Pamela Rheaume-Mustard
 Anne Rich

Members absent: David Baker
 Raymond Normandin

Also present: Marc Prufer, 288 Orchard St.
 Charles Vecchi, 44 Walnut St.
 Mitch Bobinski, 26 Cottage Ave.
 Rusty Cushman, 84 Meadow Cartway
 Mark Slayton, 222 Causeway St.
 Larry Giargiari, 6 Bogastow Circle
 Robert Ruggeri, 182 Farm St.

Mr. Maltinsky welcomed all to the annual televised meeting of the Community Preservation Committee, a committee formed after the passage of the Community Preservation Act adopted at Town Meeting in May 2006. Mr. Maltinsky explained the property tax surcharge, state matching funds, and how the funds are to be used:

- Open Space Preservation/Land for Recreational Use
- Creation of Community Housing
- Historic Preservation

The CPC's purpose, Mr. Maltinsky said, is to review all written project proposals on a "case by case" basis and (1) vote to approve or reject projects for submittal to Town Meeting and (2) review the needs of the Town and make recommendation for the use of CPA funds. Mr. Maltinsky encourages any resident and/or organization to submit proposals for the CPC to review.

Mr. Maltinsky summarized the previously approved projects by the Community Preservation Committee. He highlighted the completion of the Niagara Fire House restoration project via PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Maltinsky stated that since 2009, the total funding amount from the CPC of \$297,000.00 for the project had been received. Mr. Prufer and Mr. Vecchi discussed the work progression for the project and the amount of volunteer hours contributed to the restoration project.

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Ms. Barnes stated that there are other “at-risk” buildings in Town, examples being the Lansing and Ellice Schoolhouse buildings. She stated that the Niagara project is a blueprint for the future for Millis’ commitment to Historic Preservation.

Ms. Barry, Treasurer, presented the funding status for the various accounts in the Community Preservation “buckets.” She provided an update on the budget and amounts of funding available from each account: Open Space, Historic Resources, Community Housing, Budgeted Reserve, and Undesignated Fund Balance. Ms. Barry summarized the Community Preservation Act taxes received and state matched funds. Ms. Barry stated that there is currently one outstanding project, which has been approved by the CPC, which will be voted on at the spring 2020 Town Meeting. The project is for \$600.00 from the Historic Resources fund to preserve the Henry F. Walling Map requested by the Trustees of the Millis Public Library.

Mr. Maltinsky stated that the CPC “Project Evaluation Criteria and Application Guidance” document can be obtained from the Department Assistant, Camille Standley. The application can also be downloaded from the Town of Millis website (Community Preservation Committee page).

Other Business:

MAPC Housing Production Plan Invoice

On a motion made by Mr. Maltinsky, seconded by Ms. Barry, it was voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$7,500.00 to MAPC from the CPC Housing Production Plan funding account for completion of the previously approved Housing Production Plan (“HPP”).

Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. McKay, seconded by Ms. Mustard, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 7, 2019, as written.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion and on a motion made by Mr. McKay, seconded by Ms. Rich, and voted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Standley, Administrative Assistant