

Town of Chelmsford
Community Preservation Committee
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824

Meeting MINUTES
February 15, 2023
Approved April 19, 2023

Committee Members Present: Evan Belansky, Christine Clancy, Karl Bischoff, Ken Lefebvre, Linda Prescott, Connie Donahue, Judy Carven, Deirdre Connolly (6:35PM)

Committee Members not Present:

Others Present: Town Manager Paul Cohen, Town Accountant Darlene Lussier

Documents referenced in these minutes are available at the Community Development Office, 50 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford Town Offices. This meeting was hand recorded by the Recording Secretary, and recorded via Microsoft Team.

Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Chair Prescott.

Public Comment

No one came forward at this time.

Grant Request:

Karl Bischoff, Conservation Commission: Wilson Road - Purchasing the property and funds for studies, evasive control and other feasibility studies

Mr. Bischoff explained the parcel on Wilson Rd. is 1.34 acres, and abuts other Town land. It is being offered to the Town for purchase. The asking price is \$28,900, which is its assessed value. Photos of the land were shown, and the area was described. The owners want to close prior to July, 2023. The Conservation Commission is pursuing discussion for an easement on a different parcel to create access to other Conservation land. This purchase would meet the goals of creating and protecting open space and habitat protection. The Conservation Commission voted unanimously to pursue the purchase.

A Title search has been done on this parcel and another nearby one.

Motion: by Mr. Bischoff to support the purchase of a parcel of land known as Lot 18, Map 29, Block 104 off Wilson Rd. up to an amount of \$35,000.00, from the Open Space Capital Improvement Account. Seconded by Ms. Carven. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Other business

Town Manager Cohen announced that the Spring Town Meeting Warrant is being signed by the Select Board at their meeting on February 27, 2023. All previously discussed projects except the post and rail fence for the Cemetery project are going forward. The fence project was withdrawn by the applicant.

Town Accountant Lussier summarized the amounts being funded at Town Meeting, and from what accounts the projects would be funded from.

Approve Minutes

August 17, 2022

November 16, 2022

January 18, 2023

Motion: by Mr. Belansky to approve the Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2022, as presented, and to release the Executive Session. Seconded by Mr. Bischoff. Ms. Carven and Dr. Connolly abstained, all others in favor. **Motion carries, 6-2-0.**

Motion: by Mr. Lefebvre to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Dr. Connolly. **Motion carries, unanimous, 8-0.**

Motion: by Dr. Connolly to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2023, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Carven. **Motion carries, unanimous, 8-0.**

Next meeting: March 15, 2023

Adjourn

Motion: by Ms. Carven to adjourn Regular Session, and to enter into Executive Session at 6:45PM, and to allow the Town Manager, the Town Accountant, and the Recording Secretary to participate. There will be no return to Regular Session. Seconded by Mr. Belansky.

Roll Call Vote :

Evan Belansky: Aye

Christine Clancy: Aye

Karl Bischoff: Aye

Ken Lefebvre: Aye

Linda Prescott: Aye

Connie Donahue: Aye

Judy Carven: Aye

Deirdre Connolly: Aye

Motion carries, unanimous, 8-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivian W. Merrill
Recording Secretary

Supporting Documents:

- Presentations for funding request
- Draft Minutes