**PLYMPTON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)**

**Minutes 03-28-2023 Open Meeting by Zoom**

**Members in attendance**

* Present: CPC members-Mark Russo, Deb Anderson, Rick Burnet, Paul D’Angelo, Nancy Butler, Irv Butler, Justin Shepherd, and Jane Schulze. Also, Open Space Committee member Linda Leddy

**Call To Order**

* At 5:32 PM Mark called the meeting to order noting that the meeting was being conducted by Zoom and appropriate efforts had been made to ensure public access by Zoom or phone.

**Announcements**

* There were no announcements.

**Open Space funds public hearing**

* Linda Leddy, Co-chair of the Open Space Committee spoke to her application for $30,000 in pre-acquisition funding to be used for attorney fees, surveys, licenses, title searches and other items necessary to pave the way for acquiring lands to conserve in the town. Mr. Russo noted that the hearing was properly advertised in the Plympton-Halifax-Kingston Express on February 10 and 17, and again on March 10 and 17 because the meeting date had to be changed. Speaking in favor of the project, Rick Burnet and Paul D’Angelo both asked if we could increase the amount as costs have gone up. Mr. Russo said that it would be awkward at this point, and it is something to consider for the next round. Irv and Nancy Butler asked if the committee could get an accounting of how the funds have been spent thus far. Mr. Russo added that it would be good to have the information available as the question could be asked at Town Meeting, which will ultimately vote on the expense. Leddy said that she would put together that information. Mr. Russo moved that the request be placed on the town meeting warrant, and Mr. Burnet seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Russo closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

**Minutes Approval**

* The minutes for the December 6, 2022 meeting were approved with the addition of Irv and Nancy Butler as attending. The vote was unanimous in favor.

**Update On-going Projects**

* Brief updates offered by Mr. Russo concerning active CPC projects. The Dennett School playground’s rubberized surface is scheduled to be completed this summer after school closes. Other projects in process are the Gazebo, Old Town House, Two Brooks Preserve and Turkey Swamp, Mr. Russo told the group. As for the Turkey Swamp purchase, the committee was asked by Mr. Russo to approve the use of Administrative funds to cover the cost of an unexpected bank fee of $550 to set up the project’s bank loan. Mr. Russo moved that it be paid, Deb Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Zoom vs. in-person meetings**

* The Butlers asked if CPC is considering returning to in-person meetings and the chairman asked the opinion of the committee. Mr. Shepherd said he attends ZOOM meetings all day and would like the opportunity to get out to an in-person meeting. Shulze, Anderson, Russo, and Burnett all were in favor of continuing ZOOM at least until a hybrid form – both in-person and ZOOM can be done. D’Angelo said he would like to see hybrid ZOOM and in-person meetings.

**Treasurer**

* We will put the topic of filling the treasurer’s position on the next meeting agenda.

**Schedule next Meeting**

* Mr. Russo will arrange for next meeting to be held when needed or after Town Meeting.

**Adjournment**

* Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Anderson