



**Town of Southwick**  
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**Community Preservation Committee**  
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**Minutes**

**February 13, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE:** Chris Pratt, Vice Chair  
David Gunn  
Karen DeMaio  
David Sutton  
Maria Seddon  
Sue Fox

**ABSENT** Bob Horacek, Chairman  
Joanne Horacek  
John Whalley III

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** See Attachment

Mr. Pratt officially opened the Business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Pratt stated that this meeting, the committee will be reconsidering the vote on a request for \$500,000 for the North Pond Project that was closed on the last meeting the committee had.

Mr. Pratt also stated that the committee can not take public comment yet until after the vote.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Sutton to reconsider the vote and seconded by Mr. Gunn. Vote was unanimous.

**Discussion:**

Mr. Gunn noted that he was in support of the project since the last meeting. It meets the intent to the committee for preservation. It brings health to our water supply for not just lakefront resident's, but to all residents. He also stated that he doesn't live on the lake, but would like to see it preserved for his children and grandchildren. Mr. Gunn also added that the committee has supported several open space projects through APR funding. However, most of those properties are not publicly available, for example, he can not go on the land freely and hunt on preserved APR land because it's still in someone's name. In this case it will be publicly owned.

Mrs. DeMaio asked why is this vote being reconsidered. Has there been new information acquired to require a new vote.

Mr. Pratt stated that there was such a great influx of concern from the town residents, that have raised the money to help preserve the North Pond Project. The Select Board had requested the committee to reconsider the vote and Mr. Horacek had agreed.

Mr. Pratt wanted to go on record saying that this is why the committee was put together for the town, to support projects like this; to support the health of the lake and open space for all people to enjoy in perpetuity.

Mrs. Fox wanted to remind the residents and committee that the town has already committed \$1,000,000 to this project. And that the committee is aware of how important this project is to the residents. The Select Board did request the committee to reconsider and she believes that it should go to a town vote.

**A MOTION** was made by Mrs. Fox to take a vote on bringing the North Pond Project to a town vote. It was seconded by Mr. Sutton. (For: Mrs. Fox, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Gunn, Mrs. Seddon. Abstained: Mrs. DeMaio)

**Public comments:**

Michelle Pratt of 152 Berkshire Avenue wanted to thank the Select Board for asking the CPC to try again. She wanted to show her appreciation for the committee for taking the time to come out away from their families to vote again. Mrs. Pratt pointed to everyone in the room. This is our town, the people love this property.

Mrs. Herath of the CRC wanted to thank the committee for reconsidering the vote. She also stated that the CRC will be upping the match donations to \$2,500 to encourage everyone to donate.

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Pratt and seconded by Mrs. Fox to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy DeMay  
Secretary - CPC

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