



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

**October 4, 2018**

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

**ABSENT:** John Whalley III

C. Pratt officially opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**A MOTION** was made by C. Pratt and seconded by D. Sutton to open for discussion, tabling the re-organization of the Committee, due to the current Chair, J. Whalley, not being present.

(Vote: For: 3, Against: 5)

**Discussion:**

- B. Horacek stated that there was a quorum and that there's no need to table the re-organization of the Committee.
- C. Pratt stated that they felt the existing chair should be present to vote, D. Sutton and D. Gunn agreed.

C. Pratt questioned deleting items off the already posted Agenda. However, he was told that additions are accepted but deletions are not, when posting. This clarification will be brought up with the Town Clerk, M. Hill.

**A MOTION** was made by C. Pratt to nominate J. Whalley as Chairman of the Committee. The motion was seconded by D. Sutton. C. Pratt called for a vote.

(Vote- For: 3, Against: 5. None abstaining)

**A MOTION** was made by S. Fox to nominate B. Horacek as Chairman of the Committee. The motion was seconded by J. Horacek. C. Pratt called for a vote.

(Vote:-For: 5, Against: 2- D. Sutton, C. Pratt, Abstain:1- D. Gunn)

**Discussion:**

- S. Fox spoke in favor for B. Horacek because of his experience on the Cable Committee.
- J. Horacek said B. Horacek would be a good candidate because he's on several Committees and that she would like to see a little change.

**A MOTION** was made by D. Gunn to nominate C. Pratt as Chairman of the Committee. The motion was not seconded.

**A MOTION** was made by S. Fox to nominate J. Horacek as Vice Chairman of the Committee. The motion was seconded by M. Seddon. Chairman called for a vote.

(Vote: Yes: 4, No: 4)

**Discussion:**

- D. Gunn stated he didn't know J. Horacek.
- C. Pratt wanted to know how long J. Horacek has been on the Housing Authority.
- J. Horacek spoke in favor of herself due to her existing position on the Housing Authority

**A MOTION** was made by D. Gunn to nominate C. Pratt as Vice Chairman of the Committee. The motion was seconded by D. Sutton. Chairman called for a vote.

(Vote: Yes: 4, No: 4)

**Discussion:**

- S. Fox inquired to C. Pratt as to his experience with the Committee.
- C. Pratt stated that he's been involved with the Committee since it's been established.
- D. Gunn stated he's always found C. Pratt to be concise, concerned and up front. Things that he is looking for as a Vice Chair.

Vote was equal, so no nomination was made.

**A MOTION** was made by B. Horacek to create a Treasurer position. And it was seconded by S. Fox.

**Discussion:**

- D. Gunn stated that K. DeMaio had experience with the schools on the town meeting floor.

Vote for K. DeMaio was made by S. Fox and seconded by J. Horacek.

(Vote: Unanimous)

**Review and approve the minutes of November 29, 2017.**

**Discussion:** K. DeMaio had amended the minutes to instead state "On the bottom of page 2 when referring to the school playground please change the wording to "they have not looked into possible alternative solutions where the present playground exists" as I was concerned that Ms. Willard was going to try and come back for money from the CPC without doing proper due diligence to seek a more economical solution with regards to the drainage issue."

**A MOTION** was made by C. Pratt to accept the minutes as amended, D. Sutton seconded.

(Vote: Unanimous)

**Review and approve the minutes of February 1, 2018**

A **MOTION** was made by B. Horacek to accept the minutes and D.Sutton seconded.  
(Vote: Yes: 5, Abstained: 3- S. Fox, M. Seddon, J. Horacek)

**Review and approve the minutes of March 29, 2018**

A **MOTION** was made by B. Horacek to approve and accept the minutes.  
The motion was taken off the table because not enough votes. (Vote was unanimous.)

**Appointment- Franklin Land Trust**

Ms. Alain Peteroy, Director of Land Conservation of Franklin Land Trust, was updating the committee on the status of the North Pond Project fundraiser. Please see Attachment A.  
The CPC will continue to have a discussion on this project.

**B. Horacek discussed about the upcoming hearing**

- Residents will talk about the current projects
- The Committee will discuss about their past projects and what the committee has done
- The pending projects the committee is still working on

Being no further business to be brought before the Committee, A **MOTION** was made by D. Gunn and seconded by M. Seddon at 7:50 p.m. (Vote: Unanimous.)

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy DeMay  
Secretary - CPC

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Bob Horacek, Chairman

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Chris Pratt, Vice Chairman

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John Whalley III

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David Gunn

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David Sutton

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Karen DeMaio

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Sue Fox

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