

Town of Hanson  
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting  
Minutes for September 9, 2015 - **AMENDED**

**Next meeting will be October 14, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Members Present:        Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett, Chairman  
                                 Patty Norton, Vice-Chairman  
                                 Robert Sears, Housing Authority  
                                 Tom Hickey, Member-At-Large  
                                 Robert Overholtzer, At-Large Member  
                                 John Kemmett, Conservation  
                                 Alan Clemons, Historical Commission  
                                 Stephen Regan, Planning Board

Members Absent:        Kenneth Mitchell, Parks & Fields

Approval of Minutes:

The May, June and July meeting minutes were on the table for approval.

Since there was no quorum attendance at the May meeting, a vote was not taken.

Patty made a motion to accept the June minutes; seconded by Alan. Alan and Stephen abstained voting since they were not present for that meeting. Members voted approval 6-0-2.

Patty made a motion to accept the July minutes, which were seconded by Bob Sears. Stephen abstained due to non-attendance. Members voted approval 7-0-1.

Chairman’s Report (Finances/Budget/Bills):

There were no bills or budget items to discuss.

Old Business:

**Signs** - Alan shared an update on the erection of four permanent signs at the Thomas Mill, Bonney House, Poor Meadow and Botieri Field/Town Forest sites. He was quoted \$600.00 for the four signs and the work would take about a week to complete. Tom pointed out that members had previously voted on a maximum cost of \$500.00. With no further comments, Tom made a motion to purchase the four signs for \$600.00. Bob Sears seconded the motion, which was approved 8-0-0.

**Thomas Mill** – With the Thomas Mill property under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, John commented that oversight of the building should be separate from that of the land. He said the Conservation Commission has asked the Recreation Commission to manage the

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buildings. Asked about the condition of the Thomas Mill, Alan stated that it is in good condition except for the trim.

**Bonney House** – Alan said that he needs to contact Derek Mariani to schedule a time for the South Shore Voc. Tech. students to begin work installing the clapboards of the Bonney House. The sides need to be stripped down before the students can work on it, but he wants a firm date from the school prior to doing that. Laura commented on the delays that have taken place and looks forward to progress being made.

Alan said that Sampson Lumber came in with the lowest bid for the three doors.

Money for additional work required on the building may be available through grants, Alan said.

**Botieri Field/Town Forest** – Laura will contact Robby to check on the status of the Botieri field work. It was her understanding that it could be performed in most seasons.

**WHRHS Outdoor Recreation Area** – Casoli Sand & Gravel, who donated their services, has flattened out the recreation area land so far. Laura will contact Bob Rodgers to find out the status of the project.

**Camp Kiwanee North Cabins** – Laura will ask Jim Flanagan for an update on work being done on the Camp Kiwanee cabins. She suggested that we visit the site next month for a first-hand update and will confirm this with Jim.

**Other Old Business** - Laura feels that there needs to be a community preservation vision in order to guide Hanson's CPA future. She suggested that we reach out to Katherine at the coalition for advice on planning; perhaps in the form of hiring a consultant.

Alan made a motion that we take steps toward creating a community preservation master plan. Patty seconded the motion, which was approved 8-0-0. Laura will contact Katherine.

Patty updated members on pricing for temporary CPA signage. She obtained one price of \$410.00 for five signs and will continue researching further. Members had previously voted to keep the cost under \$500.00

New Business:

**Plymouth County Hospital ("PCH")** – Laura shared what she knew of the status of PCH. She said that the selectmen did not place an article on the town meeting warrant regarding PCH, as had previously been suggested. Instead, they would like to move forward on the sale of town-owned properties in order to generate funds. Presently they are taking inventory of the properties to determine which can be sold; some have already been converted by vote to conservation land.

It doesn't seem likely that there will be any movement on the PCH topic in the short term. Tom questioned CPC's long range planning, and whether it should be holding back funds for PCH at the expense of other worthwhile projects that come along. As an example of long term planning, Patty

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described the historical society's goal of eventually acquiring the Bonney House and moving the Hanson historical artifacts to Bonney Hill, creating an historical village.

Adjournment:

Patty made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Tom and approved 8-0-0. The next meeting was scheduled for October 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk  
Community Preservation Committee