COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE TOWN OF WEST NEWBURY MINUTES OF MEETING April 25, 2019

A meeting of the West Newbury Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was held on April 25, 2019, in the First Floor Hearing Room. Members Bill Bachrach, Chair, Ray Cook, Mary Harada, Bob Janes, and Sherry Pruyn were present. Judy Mizner participated remotely. Joe Anderson and Angus Jennings were absent. Jean Nelson, Administrator, was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Bachrach said it is being recorded for the purpose of preparing minutes.

Bachrach announced that Judy Mizner will be participating remotely due to M.G.L. Section (29.10.(5) (e) geographic distance. Mizner had notified the Committee of her inability to attend at the meeting of April 18, 2019.

Bachrach listed those present: Bill Bachrach, Chair, Ray Cook, Mary Harada, Bob Janes, Sherry Pruyn, and Jean Nelson.

Motion made by Bachrach, seconded by Pruyn, that the CPC conduct the meeting tonight under the requirements of Remote Participation.

A Roll Call vote for Remote Participation was taken:

Bachrach: Aye
Cook: Aye
Janes: Aye
Harada: Aye
Pruyn: Aye
Mizner: Aye

Discussion/review of the draft Handout

The document had been revised with input from the meeting on April 18, 2019. Suggested revisions and edits were discussed and incorporated.

The number of copies of the handout was discussed. Nelson said that Angus Jennings had offered to print the handout in color in a larger size and mount it on a foam board. She said that the handout could then be printed on the Ricoh in large quantity in black and white. Nelson will print the handouts prior to Town Meeting.

Review of draft CPC Position Paper for Article 30

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The document was reviewed and edited. Mizner had sent wording to Nelson for certain points, which was incorporated. Various options for language were decided by the Committee.

Motion made by Bachrach, seconded by Pruyn to approve the CPC Report to Town Meeting as amended. The roll call vote was:

Bachrach: Aye
Cook: Aye
Janes: Aye
Harada: Aye
Pruyn: Aye
Mizner: Aye

Motion made by Bachrach, seconded by Cook, to approve the Informational Handout as amended. The roll call vote was:

Bachrach: Aye
Cook: Aye
Janes: Aye
Harada: Aye
Pruyn: Aye
Mizner: Aye

Motion made by Bachrach, seconded by Janes, to approve the CPC Position Document on Article 30, as amended. The roll call vote was:

Bachrach: Aye
Cook: Aye
Janes: Aye
Harada: Aye
Pruyn: Aye
Mizner: Aye

Nelson said that she had been asked to review the Open Space Committee flyer. She had given a cursory review with edits, then she, Mizner and Wendy Reed had met after the last meeting, and had made many corrections and suggested edits. Both she and Mizner felt the document was too loud and cluttered. Wendy Reed took the edited document with her. Since then, in subsequent revisions, Nelson felt there had been misquotes, incorrect facts, and she had said that she would not state if she was comfortable with the document. In her opinion, the final document was not the one now posted on the OSC webpage.

She related that the document was not being cooperatively approved and voted on, as this Committee has just done.

She had been asked for the CPC documents being worked on tonight. She had told the Open Space Committee that they would not be distributed. The documents have not been finalized yet. They will be read and handed out on Monday night.

She had been asked for an opinion as to which social media outlets the OSC flyer should be posted. She did not want to give an opinion, but had said that she would ask the CPC for their opinion. The CPC did not indicate a wish to do that.

Mizner said that on Article 30, the main point from the opposition is that there should be planning. She agrees there should be planning and a proactive approach. She said the Committee supports planning and there should be a committee with all of the stakeholders under auspices of either the Town Manager or Board of Selectmen. Cook said the Planning Board agrees, and is proactive. He said that planning should take place with the stakeholders. Cook agreed that the CPC has a very narrow charge. Bachrach said the priorities of the stakeholders must be defined.

Cook said that when the planning does get done, the funds will be available to carry out the goals. Bachrach added that short-term planning is needed in addition to long-term planning also.

Motion to adjourn, 8:15. The roll call vote was:

Bachrach: Aye
Cook: Aye
Janes: Aye
Harada: Aye
Pruyn: Aye
Mizner: Aye

These Minutes were approved by the CPC on June 19, 2019.

Prepared by,

Jean Nelson

CPC Administrator

Documents Reviewed at the Meeting:

Draft Report to Town Meeting #2 Draft CPC Position on Article 30 #2 Draft Informational Handout #2