

Holliston Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2009

Lower Town Hall – Room 019

7:30 PM

Present: Mr. Sam Tyler, CPC Chair

Ms. Jan McDevitt, CPC Vice Chair

Mr. George Johnson, Mr. Thomas Dumas, Mr. Len Engel, Mr. Frank Chamberlain, and

Mr. Mike Pelon -

Guest: Mr. Stuart Saginor, Executive Director, Community Preservation Coalition

Mr. Tyler opened the meeting at 7:35

Presentation by Community Preservation Coalition

Mr. Tyler introduced Stuart Saginor, Executive Director, Community Preservation Coalition who was attending the Holliston Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting to present an overview CPC projects, challenges, legislation and future.

Mr. Saginor shared the following facts on existing projects which have been funded to well over 625 million dollars:

- State wide there have been 3,000 projects
- 10,000 acres of Open Space established, 2,300 Housing Units, 1,300 Historic Projects and 500 Open Space Recreation Projects have been approved.
- 140 Communities have CPCs – 40% of the Commonwealth - 71 Communities are at a 3% surcharge

1. He stated further that the Community Preservation Coalition continues to defend against the State Legislature attempts to the raid CPC funds.
2. CPF matching dollars are shrinking due to the housing market.
3. Legislation to allow larger Cities to reap the benefit of funds without contributing.

He went on to say that there is an Act in the Legislature to sustain Community Preservation by doing the following:

- Increase trust fund revenue to guarantee a 75% match on first round by increasing Deed Fees.
- More attractive adoption options for Cities to get full 3%
- Clarify Open Space Recreation language to allow use of CPA funds to rehabilitate existing Parks and Recreation Areas.

Mr. Saginor also went on to say that another solution being discussed was a Special Commission on Municipal Relief. This would include deed fee increases for the CPC Fund with recommendations from the commission. He also announced that there would be workshops in Amherst, MA late spring and in our area in the fall.

New Business

Mr. Tyler indicated that we should meet again later this month.

Ms. McDevitt made a motion to Adjourn – Mr. Engel Seconded and it passed.

Meeting ended at 9:10

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