

Pelham Community Preservation Committee

Proceedings: August 16, 2018

Recorded by Tom Fanning

Location: Ramsdell Room, Pelham Library

Convene at 7:15 pm

CPC Members Present: Dana McDonald, Jim Lumley, Tom Fanning, Abbie Jenks, Joe Larson, Eric Castenson

Meeting convened at 7:06

1. Fall Town Meeting articles

a. Fennessy Conservation purchase

i. Costs:

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| 1. request of CPA | \$36,000 |
| 2. donation | \$10,000 |
| 3. Conservation partnership | \$31,000 |
| 4. total offer to landowner | \$77,000 |

- ii. There will be a loss in tax revenue to the town
- iii. This will protect hunting, fishing, hiking, and skiing access
- iv. The offer is above current market values, but we'll stick with it
- v. In the future, CPC should work with Kestrel to set a fair offer.
- vi. Motion to approve the language in the Town Meeting warrant approved 6 to 0

b. First Time Home Buyer Financial Assistance program

i. Motion was made to approve the language for the warrant

ii. Discussion:

- 1. Other cities and towns have been doing this for years
- 2. This is a modest effort to bring younger citizens to Pelham
- 3. Motion approved 6 to 0

c. Next project for our committee: create a process for CPA funds to help older folks improve their property so they can stay in their homes for as long as they wish

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Recording secretary Tom Fanning