

## **Pelham Community Preservation Committee**

Minutes of the meeting on October 20 2016

Members present: Abbie Jenks, Cyd Reiman, Eric Castenson, Jim Lumley, Tom Fanning

### Agenda

### Reports

Tom Fanning: Regarding Pelham's role in American history –

- 1743 Meeting House is connected to writing of U.S. Constitution
- Connect with Historical Commission and Historic Society to plan a broader approach to Pelham's history, other insurgencies at the time, and the gradual empowerment of the little people
- Use Mass Humanities grants to invite historians to help us develop the complete history of the American founding, including the many insurgencies that occurred prior to Shays'

Abbie Jenks: Planning Board

- Our committee has been studying town bylaws while waiting for Dillon Sussman's (PVPC) next visit
  - Dillon will return to the Town Center Re-zoning project in December
  - Can CPC money be used for this project?
- Lederle Property: Planning Board is discussing the possibilities of the town buying this property

### Jim Lumley: Housing Committee

- The Committee (Tillman & Molly) met with Norm and Bobby Page regarding the Lederle Property and Len Page's property on Jones Road. The Lederle Property is complicated and will take some time to clean up to the point that it can be put on the market
- The Housing Committee will meet with Norm Page again; Abbie Jenks would like to be invited
- Jim and Abbie believe that the town should consider this property as a possible purchase
- November 15 there will be a joint meeting of 4 boards: the Public Health, Planning, Conservation, and Housing to have preliminary talks about the Housing Study with Peter Flinker and Nate Burgess. They are the representatives of Dodgson and Flinker (Florence) who has been doing the study for our Housing Committee

### Cyd Reiman: Community Garden Committee

- This year our 8 plots were all taken
- Some plots, however, were not tended
- Mowing is a challenge. Not easy to get the town to do it
- Don't want to buy our own mower just yet; wait until the gardens are more popular
- Hoping the Conservation Commission can help out; the land is under their oversight
- The soil was very fertile. We had good crops this year!!
- Abbie: Yes, let's get the Conservation Committee involved. Last year we had Earl Fay, but this year he wasn't available
- Jim Lumley has a heavy duty mower and a brush hog. He could bring them to the gardens.
- Abby: Overall, this year at the Community Garden was a smashing success!!