

**Advisory Committee Minutes
October 12, 2016 Meeting**

Attendees: Dave Benton, Arthur Frontczak, Jonathan Hurwitz, Pat Snead, Joyce Terrio and Jim Tomaszewski

Also in attendance by invitation were Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator; Carol Greene, Town Clerk; and Jeff Palumbo and Jim Lehan from the Board of Selectman

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55pm

Carol Greene presented the background for the request by the CPC to spend \$47,000 of CPA Funds for the preservation of historical records. The project would be a combination of fees to digitally archive, including search capabilities, much of the records (manpower and other costs) and restore/reclaim others that are not capable of being fully digitized. In response to a question from the Committee, Carole explained that initially there will be no public accessibility, but the module is being implemented so it may be possible in the future.

Jack Hathaway then reviewed the status of the various other articles. The capital budget detail will be available at the next Committee meeting. The zoning articles will be reviewed with Ray Goff, Town Planner, at the next Committee meeting as well.

Jack then presented the background for the article currently listed as #5 – the proposed purchase of a property by the Board of Selection for the Water Division for the purpose of building a new well. The funds would come from Water Division retained earnings (i.e. reserves). The property is 20 acres and the proposed price is \$535,000. Testing for the suitability of locating a well on the property continues, but initial indications are positive. The purchase and sale agreement has various contingencies that must be met before the deal would proceed.

The final discussion of the night related to the article currently numbered as #7 – the proposed approval of a zoning overlay for the Southwood property. Jack Hathaway, Jim Lehan and Jeff Palumbo provided the background, status of the latest negotiations and the risks and opportunities that are being evaluated with this proposed development. Two of the key considerations are the affordable housing units included in the project (potentially up to 110 units) and the reimbursement for new town services brought on by the project. The Committee members asked various questions on timing, risk mitigation and other options.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Benton, Chairman

*re-approved 2/12/2020 meeting
Alan Johnson*