



CITY OF PITTSFIELD

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, CITY HALL, 70 ALLEN STREET, RM 205, PITTSFIELD, MA 01201

MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017 6:00 P.M. CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Attendance:

Committee: James Conant (JC); Thomas Cracolici (TC); John Dickson (JD); Shirley Edgerton (SE); Alexandra Groff (AG); Sheila Irvin (SI); George Moran (GM); Danielle Steinmann (DS)

Other attendees: CJ Hoss, City Planner (CH)

Absent: Simon Muil (SM)

JC called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

1) ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

2) MINUTES

- August 28, 2017
SI made a motion to approve, seconded by JD. All in favor.
- September 25
SI made a motion to approve, seconded by JD. All in favor.
- October 23
SI made a motion to approve, seconded by JD. All in favor, with one abstention from SI.

3) PUBLIC HEARING

CH provided an overview of the CPA process, the progress to date, and an overview of public comment, the public survey results, and CPA goals identified in the draft plan.

JC opened up the public hearing to those from the public wishing to speak.

Michael Zaccaro, 108 Blythewood Drive, spoke as a representative of the Lake Onota Preservation Association. The lake serves three primary purposes in the City of Pittsfield – a free recreational resource to residents; an economic catalyst for drawing visitors to the City; and, as a significant generator of residential property taxes. Mr. Zaccaro spoke of invasive weeds and sedimentation from stormwater run-off within the lake's watershed, and that he

hopes for the support of the CPC as part of a forthcoming eligibility application for CPA funds to address these issues.

Diane Pero, 575 Pecks Road, spoke in support of Mr. Zaccaro's previous comments and asked for the CPC's support for the forthcoming eligibility application.

4) NEXT STEPS RECAP – PRESERVATION PLAN AND ELIGIBILITY APPLICATIONS

JC asked CH for any final comments in relation to the plan. CH commented that while many project ideas were submitted to date, that applicants needed to come forward to submit applications for projects, the CPC does not recommend funding for projects that have not received applications. JC provided a brief overview of the two-step application process approved by the CPC and that eligibility applications are due on January 5, 2018.

5) ADJOURNMENT

GM made a motion to adjourn at 6:22 pm, seconded by AG. All in favor.

Submitted by CJ Hoss, City Planner.