

**MILLIS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 14, 2023  
Room 229 Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA**

The public hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m. with notice being read by Mr. Maltinsky, Chair.

Members present:     Nathan Maltinsky, Chair  
                             David Baker  
                             Mary-Ellen D'Espinosa  
                             Alan Handel  
                             James McKay  
                             Ellen Rosenfeld  
                             Catherine MacInnes, FinCom Liaison

Members absent:     Wendy Barry, Treasurer  
                             James Lederer  
                             Pamela Rheaume-Mustard

Also present:           David Werner, Oak Grove Farm Commission

Mr. Maltinsky welcomed all to the annual televised meeting of the Community Preservation Committee, a committee formed after the passage of the Community Preservation Act adopted at Town Meeting in May 2006. Mr. Maltinsky explained the property tax surcharge, state matching funds, and how the funds are to be used:

- Open Space Preservation/Land for Recreational Use
- Creation of Community Housing
- Historic Preservation

The CPC's purpose, Mr. Maltinsky said, is to review all written project proposals on a "case by case" basis and (1) vote to approve or reject projects for submittal to Town Meeting and (2) review the needs of the Town and make recommendation for the use of CPA funds. Mr. Maltinsky encourages any resident and/or organization to submit proposals for the CPC to review.

Mr. Maltinsky presented the funding status for the various accounts in the Community Preservation "buckets." He provided an update on the budget and amounts of funding available from each account: Open Space/Recreation, Historic Resources, Community Housing, Budgeted Reserve, and Undesignated Fund Balance. Mr. Maltinsky summarized the Community Preservation Act taxes received and state matched funds.

Mr. David Werner of the Oak Grove Farm Commission provided a presentation of the CPA-funded Oak Grove Farm Trail Improvements Project. The Community Preservation Committee members were impressed with the boardwalk/trail improvements completed. Mr. Werner thanked Mr. McKay and the Department of Public Works for their help with the project, along with the valued volunteers who contributed to the project.

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On a motion made by Ms. MacInnes, seconded by Ms. D'Espinosa, it was voted unanimously to close the public hearing portion of the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

**Other Business:**

**FY24 Signatories**

On a motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Rosenfeld, it was unanimously voted pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 41 to authorize *either* Mr. Maltinsky or Mr. McKay to sign/approve Community Preservation Committee payroll and to sign/approve Community Preservation Committee bills.

**Minutes**

On a motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. McKay, it was voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of March 16, 2023, as written.

**Adjourn**

There being no further discussion and on a motion made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Mr. Handel, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Camille Standley, Administrative Assistant*