

Town of Agawam  
Community Preservation Committee

**Annual Public Hearing**  
**April 28, 2008**

Members Present: Henry Kozloski; Chair, Vi Baldwin, Tom Tierney, Corinne Wingard, Louis Russo, Richard Bennett, Richard Maggi, Ray Moreau

Others Present: Jennifer Bonfiglio; Administrative Assistant, Chris Sparks; Director of Park & Recreation, Councilor; Jill Messick, Council President; Gina Letellier, Councilor; Dennis Perry, and Councilor; Cecilia Calabrese

Annual Public Hearing called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Kozloski.

1. *Jennifer Bonfiglio; Administrative Assistant presented CPA Annual report.*
2. *Discussion:*
  - Councilor Messick indicated she would like to see Open Space funds used to purchase and preserve Open Space. She would also like to see Housing needs addressed with CPA funds.
  - Chris Sparks asked if Habitat for Humanity can apply for CPA funds. Councilor Letellier advised that the Greater Westfield Habitat for Humanity may be disbanded, but CPA can reach out to them. Councilor Letellier provides a background on Habitat for Humanity. She will also provide the committee with contact information via email. Jennifer Bonfiglio will email her a list of CPA member's email addresses.
  - Open Space discussion: Sportsman Club & Meadows recommended for purchase. Corinne asked what is needed to proceed with purchasing open space. Henry would like to see a long range plan to determine if the Council will support the purchase of the Meadows as well as the School Street Barn.
  - Historical Discussion: Dick Bennett advised the Historical Comm. meets tomorrow to discuss plans for the barn. He asked who the point person is. Chris Sparks advised Deb Dachos is the point person for the barn. Dick Bennett also advised that Dave Cecchi is the Chair of the Barn Study Committee. Dick feels the barn is at a stand still and is concerned money will run out. Henry Kozloski would like feedback on barn from the council. Councilor Letellier remembers a study for \$450,000 and felt it was too much. Henry indicated that CPA historical funds must be used for historical purposes. He also indicated that a lot of the cost was attributed to an addition for bathrooms and for ADA compliance. Tomo Tierney stated that CPA can fund, although time is working against us. The issue is CPA funds cannot build a recreation building with CPA funds, but can renovate or add to the barn to generate additional use for the park. Ray Moreau suggests inviting Deb Dacos to the next CPA meeting to discuss further. Dick Bennett advised of recent vandalism at barn. He is working with barn study group and suggest a councilor join the barn study group. Councilor Perry stated he would support the barn if there use for the public and agrees with the need for a plan. Jennifer will discuss with Debbie and schedule a meeting.
3. *Public hearing closed at 8:45 PM.*