

**MILLIS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 19, 2017  
Room 229 Veterans Memorial Building, 900 Main St., Millis, MA**

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m. by Mr. Nathan Maltinsky, Chair.

Members present:     Nathan Maltinsky, Chair  
                           John Northgraves, Treasurer  
                           Wendy Barry  
                           James McCaffrey  
                           James McKay  
                           Raymond Normandin  
                           Anne Rich

Members absent:     David Baker  
                           Pamela Rheaume-Mustard

Also present:         Mark Slayton, 222 Causeway St.  
                           Bud Shropshire, 22 Buddy Kearney Lane

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. Members introduced themselves. Mr. Maltinsky explained the property tax surcharge, state matching funds, and how the funds are to be used:

- (1) Open Space preservation
- (2) Land for Recreational Use (Outdoor Recreation)
- (3) Creation of Community Housing
- (4) 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 summarized the projects funded this past year with the Community Preservation Act funds.

Mr. John Northgraves, Treasurer, provided an update on the budget and amounts of funding available from each account: Open Space, Historic Resources, Community Housing, Budgeted Reserve, and Undesignated Fund Balance. Mr. Northgraves discussed the State match for funding and how it is decreasing each year.

Mr. Maltinsky summarized the projects approved by the Community Preservation Committee that were approved at the 2016 Town Meetings:

- Veterans' Memorial Building Doors Project for \$44,874.00
- 6 Currier & Ives Etchings (Fire House Series) Project for \$11,027.00

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Mr. Maltinsky presented slides showing the completed approved projects. He discussed the War Memorial Project which was approved last year, however, was just recently completed. He stated that Mr. Buddy Shropshire, in collaboration with Mr. James McKay, was “instrumental in putting the War Memorial in place.”

Mr. Buddy Shropshire, a well-known, respected Veteran from the Town of Millis, discussed the history of the Town’s war memorials and significance of the newest Memorial design and construction. Mr. Shropshire stated that “what the Town has done for the Veterans in Millis is tremendous.” Mr. Maltinsky and the CPC thanked Mr. Shropshire for his years of service and for speaking at the meeting.

Mr. McCaffery spoke on behalf of the Veterans Memorial Building Doors Project. He provided a history of the building. Mr. McCaffery stated that the building was “re-habbed” in 1999 to use the building as the Town Hall. Further restoration had been completed a couple of years ago from funding by the CPC. The Selectmen and previous Town Administrator requested funding for replacement of the four doors facing Main Street and on the front side of the building, he said. The work has been completed and the new custom-fit doors are “more historically accurate,” he said, providing a beautiful backdrop to the new War Memorial.

Mr. Maltinsky discussed the latest project approved which was for restoration of six Currier & Ives etchings which had been stored at the Fire Station. The etchings were originally in Niagara Hall where they suffered water damage in a fire. The etchings were appraised, he said, and are currently being restored; with copies to be provided in new frames for display. Mr. Maltinsky stated that they should be available for the grand opening of the renovated Fire Station in March.

Mr. McCaffery discussed the Housing Production Plan funding which was approved in 2015. He stated that this report is important to conduct orderly development of affordable housing in Millis. Mr. McCaffery provided a status update on the plan report, stating that it should be completed in the near future. The Housing Production Plan report will be part of an updated Master Plan.

Mr. Maltinsky stated that the CPC typically meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 104 of the Veterans Memorial Building and all are welcome to attend.

Mr. Maltinsky stated that the CPC “Project Evaluation Criteria and Application Guidance” document can be obtained from the Department Assistant, Camille Standley. The application can also be downloaded from the Town of Millis website (Community Preservation Committee page).

The televised portion on the meeting ended at 8:33 p.m.

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**Other Business:**

**Community Preservation Coalition Dues**

On a motion made by Ms. Barry, seconded by Mr. Northgraves, it was voted unanimously to approve the payment of \$875.00 from the CPC Expense Account for 2017 Dues.

**Bills Payable Signatory Designee**

On a motion made by Mr. Maltinsky, seconded by Ms. Rich, the Community Preservation Committee unanimously voted, pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 56, to designate board member, Mr. James McKay, to review and approve departmental bills for the Community Preservation Committee.

**Minutes**

On a motion made by Mr. McCaffery, seconded by Ms. Rich, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 3, 2016, as written.

**Adjourn**

There being no further discussion and on a motion made by Mr. McKay, seconded by Ms. Barry, and voted unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Camille Standley*  
*Administrative Assistant*