

Conservation Commission – Special Meeting

February 21, 2007

Present: John Gerber (chair), Nicki Robb (recording), Harvey Allen, Liv Baker, Otto Stein, Dan Kaplan, Ellie Manire-Gatti.

Staff: Dave Ziomek.

* Dave Ziomek presented an update on the proposals to be presented to the Community Preservation Act Committee. He has fine tuned the proposals to include the possibility that additional parcels may be added to the North Amherst farm block and Lawrence Swamp parcels to make them even more compelling. There were updated reports from the neighborhood groups working to secure funding for the S.East St. proposed development and the Haskins Meadow parcels. Vince OConnor requested that the Commission provide a detailed written proposal for CPACs consideration that would include specific data on the land parcels in question and which would include such information as parcel size, comparable values, etc.

* Nicki Robb and Liv Baker presented details of their meeting with the Historical Commission to discuss further ConComs vote to not include a funding request in the proposal to CPAC that would be used for mitigation of 1.7 acres of APR land in the Kimball House parcel. Robb and Baker reported that the Historical Commission wished for clarification on ConComs position of this particular issue and were unclear as to the reasons that ConCom had voted against procuring funding for mitigation. A lengthy discussion followed concerning the issue of land usage/conservation and historical preservation and the possible areas of collaboration and distinction. A motion was made by Robb and seconded by Baker to reconsider the vote made by this Commission to not include funding for mitigation of this parcel in the CPAC proposal budget.

Voted 5 in favor, 1 against.

A further motion was made by Robb, seconded by Kaplan to include \$8,000 in the proposal to CPAC to be used towards a compensation/mitigation for the Kimball House project to be earmarked specifically for land preservation purposes and which is consistent with this Commissions continued support of this project and the support of the Towns wishes to move this project forward.

Voted 2 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstention.

Minutes submitted by Nicki Robb via email.

Approved at the March 14, 2007 Conservation Commission Meeting.