



COMMISSION ON THE USE OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES (CUPOP)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6 pm

Town Hall Central Meeting Room – 11 Meetinghouse Lane

Present:

CUPOP Members: Nicole Donzello-Chair, Patti McKeon-Secretary, Alison Valsamis,
Javier Aviles, Leslie Lyons, and Lor Ferrante Fernandes (arrived 6:30 pm)

Ex Officio Member: Chair Tim Austin, Conservation Commission

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

2. February Minutes:

Motion: Javier Aviles, motioned to approve the minutes.

Alison Valsamis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Yes - Nicole Donzello, Patti McKeon, Alison Valsamis, Javier Aviles, Leslie Lyons

3. Chair Nicole Donzello's Report:

Community & Cultural Center Recommendation - In follow up to discussion at the February meeting regarding the conversion of the Old Firehouse to a Community & Cultural Center, Chair Donzello questioned whether it was necessary to make a recommendation to the BOS to change the Old Firehouse property use, given the change of use has already been established.

Motion: Alison Valsamis motioned that it was unnecessary to make a change of use recommendation. Leslie Lyons seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Yes - Nicole Donzello, Patti McKeon, Alison Valsamis, Javier Aviles, Leslie Lyons

Housing Committee Update - Regarding affordable housing, it was reported that the Housing Committee held two open-dialogue meetings with residents with more community meetings to follow.

4. Conservation Commission Chair Tim Austin's Report:

- The Jumping Worms education project has been temporarily cancelled.

- The CT Audubon provided the Conservation Commission with a list of suggestions regarding stewardship of the Woodbridge Country Club property.

- Trail Maintenance led by Trailmaster Andy Danzig continues to meet the 2nd Sunday of each month with good volunteer turnout.

5. No public comment.

6. **List of Publicly Owned Properties – Working Session**

The group jointly reviewed each Category 1 property identified on the 2014 list of publicly owned properties. Properties with a Grant-in-Aid condition remained as a Category 1. Properties without a Grant-in-Aid condition were recategorized.

The group hopes to schedule a working meeting to address the remaining categories prior to the next Regular April 24 Meeting.

7. **Other Business:**

Leslie Lyons requested that the status of the Dog Park be included at upcoming meetings. Chair Donzello noted that quarterly updates seem appropriate and that she would reach out to Jeanette Glicksman who is the Dog Park contact.

8. **Next Meeting:** April 24, 2023 at 6 pm.

9. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted: *Toni Belenski*