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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2025

City Hall Auditorium

Chairperson Suzanne Eagan called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Suzanne Egan, Joe Fahey, Wayne Griffith, Bob Manseau, Joel Nice, Mel Webster, Michelle Gaucher and Jay Williamson

ABSENT: Andrew Lafleur

Item 1

Approval of minutes

MOTION by Wayne Griffith to approve minutes of April 10, 2025

Second: Bob Manseau.

Vote: 8-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of May 21 and July 18 – Tabled

Item 2

MOTION by Bob Manseau to appoint Mel Webster to minute taker.

Second: Wayne Griffith

Vote: 8-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 3

Developing Community Preservation Plan

There was lengthy discussion regarding development of the Amesbury Community preservation plan. Members had previously reviewed online plans from other communities, and several suggestions and recommendations were made. Plans cited as excellent examples for us to follow in writing our plan, are Gloucester, Canton, Lexington, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Plympton, Watertown and West Newbury. Members also discussed items that should be covered in the plan. These include our guiding principles, the application process, and the evaluation process.

There was additional discussion about beginning to communicate through social media with the public about the CPC's mission and process.

January/February 2026 was discussed as a target date for the CPC plan to be completed and approved.

Members also discussed conducting a workshop in April/May 2026 to educate the public about the process and goals of the CPC.

MOTION by Joe Fahey to set goal of opening our first project application cycle in September 2026.

Second: Mel Webster

Vote: 8-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4

The board agreed to invite representatives from the recreation department to its November meeting.

Item 5

The next meeting was set for 8/20 at 6 p.m.

Item 6

Adjournment.

MOTION to adjourn by Bob Manseau.

Second: Wayne Griffith.

Vote: 8-0. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.