



**COMMISSION ON THE USE OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES  
(CUPOP)**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 22, 2023 at 6 pm**

**Town Hall Central Meeting Room – 11 Meetinghouse Lane**

**Present:**

**CUPOP Members:** Nicole Donzello-Chair, Patti McKeon-Secretary, Javier Aviles, Leslie Lyons, and Lor Ferrante Fernandes

**Ex Officio Member:** Conservation Commission Member Diana McCarthy-Bercury reported on behalf on the Conservation Commission.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.
2. **April 24, 2023 Minutes:** Lor Ferrante Fernandes motioned to approve the Minutes. Leslie Lyons seconded. Motion passed unanimously.  
**Vote: Yes** - Nicole Donzello, Patti McKeon, Javier Aviles, Leslie Lyons, Lor Ferrante Fernandes
3. **Chair Report:** Chair Donzello reported on the items below.
  - The Housing Committee will host the first informational workshop titled *Our Town has an Affordable Housing Plan. Now What?* via Zoom on May 30 at 6 pm.
  - To avoid any conflict of interest given her role as CUPOP Chair, Nicole noted that she resigned from the Housing Committee.
  - CUPOP's quarterly report was submitted to the Board of Selectmen.
  - The Dog Park Coop provides quarterly reports directly to the Board of Selectmen.
4. **Conservation Commission:** Conservation Commission Member Diana McCarthy-Bercury reported on the following items.
  - The Jumping Worms educational presentation will take place May 24 at 7 pm in the Library.
  - A Tree Preservation Project is underway. Research is taking place in terms of what other communities are doing.
  - The newest Conservation Commission member, Joi Prud'homme, has a passion for pollinator gardens and will start a pollinator pathway.
  - The Greenway Trail System is being updated and the 7 Forest Road property will help with trail connectivity.

5. **List of Publicly Owned Properties - Working Session:** The group finished their work on Category 3 properties. Next steps will include Category 4 properties as well as looking at any other outstanding property reviews. A special meeting will be arranged to finish this work.

6. **Next Regular Meeting:** June 26, 2023

7. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted: *Toni Belenski*