COMMISSION ON THE USE OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES (CUPOP)
Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm - Monday, December 16, 2019
Town Hall - Central Meeting Room

Present: CUPOP Members: Lor Ferrante Fernandes - Chair & Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee Member, Marty Halprin - Co-Chair, Patti McKeon - Secretary, Leslie Lyons, Nancy Polk and Nicole Donzello;
Liaison: Robert Klee – Chair, Town Planning & Zoning

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

2. Public Comments: There was no public comment.

3. Welcome: TPZ liaison Robert Klee was introduced and welcomed by Chair Lor Ferrante Fernandes.

4. Minutes:
   • October 21 meeting minutes were approved. Leslie Lyons motioned; Patti McKeon seconded. Marty abstained; the remaining CUPOP members were all in favor.
   • November 18 meeting minutes were approved. Patti McKeon motioned; Nancy Polk seconded. Nicole Donzello abstained; the remaining CUPOP members were all in favor.

5. Workshop Feedback & Future Meetings
   • Invasive Species Workshop - It was noted that the November 18 workshop was interactive and easy to follow. Additionally, the speaker offered interesting statistics relating to the increase of the tick population.
   • Future Workshops - Commission Members agreed that ticks would be the next workshop topic and an effort would be made to schedule the workshop in January. Marty Halprin will contact the guest speaker to coordinate a workshop date once Chair Lor Ferrante Fernandes provides him with contact information. To promote the workshop, CUPOP will create fliers as well as invite Woodbridge Town News Correspondent Bettina Thiel to the event.

6. Japanese Barberry - Nicole Donzello noted she will prepare a draft ordinance for CUPOP members to review.

7. Blight: It was noted that a Public Hearing is set for January 8 at 7 pm to address three ordinances: Anti-Blight, Storm Water Management and establishment of an Agricultural Commission. CUPOP members were encouraged to attend.
8. **Dog Park Update**: Nicole Donzello reported Phase I on the dog park project is in progress. Installation of the fence and gates on Fitzgerald property are complete. Through funds raised by the Woodbridge Dog Park Cooperative, the ice skating rink was removed and will be seeded in the spring. Discussion ensued regarding a “soft” opening and future enhancements to the area.

9. **Former Country Club of Woodbridge Property**: It was noted that the Insite/Wernert presentation regarding property development to all commissions were completed. Next steps should be forthcoming.

10. **CUPOP Chairman - New Business**:
    - **Lone star tick** - Chair Fernandes noted that the lone star tick has been reported in Connecticut. Discussions followed regarding tick-borne diseases.
    - **TPZ** - Robert Klee reported that at the last TPZ meeting the building and field enhancements to the Amity Regional High School were presented by school staff.
    - **Old Firehouse** - Chair Fernandes noted that the Board of Selectmen continues to explore options for the 2nd floor of the building.
    - **Invasives** - Patti McKeon mentioned that she will reach-out to the boy scouts to determine interest in helping with the identification of invasive plant species.
    - **Next Meeting** - CUPOP will meet Tuesday, January 21 in Town Hall, Selectman’s Conference Room.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm. Nancy Polk motioned; Marty Halprin seconded; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted: **Toni Belenski**