

Town of East Hampton  
Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board Minutes  
Regular Meeting, February 11, 2019

**Present:**

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**Advisory Board Members:** Charles Limonius, Philip O'Connell, Christine Ganitsch, Rav Friedel, David Doty

**Town Employees:** Scott Wilson, Brian Frank, JoAnne Pahwul

**Councilman:** David Lys

**Peconic Land Trust:** Kim Quarty

**General Public:** David Buda

Meeting called to order by Philip O'Connell at 3: 35 PM.

A motion was made by Rav and seconded by Charles to accept the **minutes** of January 7, 2019 as presented. The motion passed.

David Buda introduced himself and complimented on how most of all of the programs have evolved.

He mentioned that the Project Plan had not been updated since 2011, other than the Montauk and Springs Outreach. He is concerned why this hasn't taken place.

David further stated that the town should not act upon a purchase unless it is on the Plan and that he feels too many improved parcels that are in good shape were being purchased. Rav interjected to state that there are non-conforming parcels that are not on the plan that should be pursued for public acquisition.

David continued to state that lately the acquisitions were for improved properties but perhaps this could be due to a lack of available vacant parcels. While the Town's intentions were well meant, he said that this sends the wrong signal to the town residents. He said there was no conscious thought with regard to how parcels are presented to the AB.

David brought up the La Foret property, which is an environmentally sensitive parcel. He stated that a natural kettle-hole was turned into a man-made pond. David felt that rather than the entire parcel being purchased, that only the part deemed fit for conservation be purchased, leaving the remainder to the owner. This raised questions regarding septic tanks, homes and other structures.

Scott asked the AB if it was in favor of sending a letter of support for an update of the Project Plan. The Advisory Board agreed that this was a reasonable request, and that a letter would be drafted.

Kim had asked about mapping out critical areas to which Scott replied that a meeting can be arranged to accomplish this. Kim said she would want someone from the Planning Department at this meeting and Scott agreed.

Phillip asked Scott how this would be accomplished and Scott replied that a draft would be done and given to the Board.

David Buda asked why the Financials are done in Executive Session. Scott explained that the Financials are done as a broad package including potential acquisitions that may not be in contract yet. The revenue and expenditure portion of the financials can be made available at any time.

The next meeting was set for March 11, 2019 at 3:30 PM.

Phillip made a motion to go into Executive Session; seconded by Charles and carried.

A motion was made by, seconded by, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Dawn S. Donohue