

January 8, 2018

Dear friends and neighbors,

2018 is going to be a very exciting year for CFP. We are reimagining our Community Hall as a vibrant and critical Center for Arts, Wellness, and Community in Portsmouth that invites people in and connects them with others.

We seek to solve the growing problem that many people feel increasingly disconnected from their neighbors. As one of the few local gathering places in Portsmouth, it is imperative that we not only participate, but also help lead the efforts in laying the foundation of a healthy, connected community for many years to come.

The most important, and easiest, way to get involved and support CFP is simply to participate in any of the events taking place at our Hall: take an art class, a fitness class, come to a concert or a play, or stop by the café on Fridays mornings to say hello to your neighbors.

Encourage all your friends and neighbors to sign up for this newsletter so that everyone is informed of all the amazing things happening at the Hall.

Visit our website at www.commonfencepoint.org

Please consider paying membership dues each year. In reality, dues are simply a donation to this community. These dues account for a third of our “operating budget” and allow the Hall and the land to be taken care of in the way that we all have grown to love and expect. We can’t do it without you. Suggested donations are 1) \$50 per family, 2) \$20 for singles, or 3) volunteering your time and energy. We appreciate it all!

Come to our monthly community meetings to be informed, ask questions, or get involved. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 16th at 7:15pm. We will also have Building Information meetings in afternoons as well as evenings in the coming months as we prepare for the renovations – stay tuned for the schedule. There will be opportunities to weigh in on elements of the project so that we have a Community Hall that reflects the spirit, style, and rich history of CFP.

We have so much to be thankful for:

The philanthropic and state organizations who believe in our vision and have granted funds to enable us to turn our vision into reality;

Our strategic partners, like the YMCA and the Town of Portsmouth;

And, the amazing people who love our Hall and feel part of the CFP family (whether they live here or not) who have given their time, energy, and talents in a myriad a of ways.

I am filled with gratitude and anticipation. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to play a leadership role in this wonderful community.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Conley Zani". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a stylized 'Z'.

Conley Zani
CFPIA President and neighbor