

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes - December 17, 2008

CPC Members Present: Kit Bowry, Rose Mary Donahue, Joan Gaughan, Dona Kemp, Jack Morgan, Tony Parker, Jim Conlin, Brad Boyd, Janice Hanna, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Caren Parker, Advisory Committee (7:50pm-9:45pm)

Chair Jack Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, in the NRC Conference Room

Citizen Speak: No citizens addressed the CPC for Citizen Speak.

Approval of Minutes: with minor corrections, the October 1st and December 2nd minutes were unanimously approved; Tony Parker moved the motion, Rose Mary Donahue seconded.

Review of the Inter-board Housing Initiatives and Discussion

Brad Boyd and Jim Conlin attended the Inter-Board meeting. They reported the meeting was an exchange of information so that various boards/committees are aware of initiatives and activities in town. The group will likely meet periodically. The Inter-Board group seemed supportive of the Waldo Court project.

The CPC discussed the potential acquisition of new property (I.e. St. James, Mass Bay land) for some combination of recreation, open space, affordable housing or other uses. The committee favors a proactive approach to preliminary planning for acquiring St James, with funding for initial work through some combination of Planning Board, CPC Administrative funds or WHDC.

Barton Road Master Plan Application

Peter Smith, a consultant hired by the WHA, discussed the potential Barton Road Master Plan Study. Concerns which must be addressed include the lack of transportation available to the residents and the general isolation of the Barton Road community from the rest of the Town. There are many issues/concerns that need to be addressed regarding this application.

Waldo Court

Margaret Plansky, Interim director of the WHA, and Crystal Victorine, Deputy Director of Administration for the WHA, presented the plans for renovation of Waldo Court. There was a discussion of the CPC providing a set \$700,000 in funding, with any savings versus the final project costs available to the WHA to fund option alternatives at Waldo Court or for other affordable housing capital projects or planning. The Committee was generally receptive regarding the Waldo Court Renovation.

Sprague Clock Tower

Kit Bowry contacted Cricket Vlass of the DPW. She advised her to submit the full application prior to the January 6th meeting. Cricket will submit the full application on December 18th for the committee to review. Cricket Vlass and Mike Pakstis will attend the January 6th meeting.

Hills Library Doors

Kit Bowry has had no response in her request to the Library for more detailed information.

Charles River Bridge Project

The NRC is reluctant to prepare a full application until a positive response from the DOR on the Phase I grant request is received. Joan Gaughan provided the Committee with a copy of the Newton CPC proposal.

Wellesley Conservation Council

Dona Kemp had an opportunity to meet with the WCC; however the funding for this project still appears to be ineligible.

WHDC

Tony submitted copies of the WHDC Cost Analysis of the monies previously received that were used for a project at 9 Highland. The balance of the previous CPA grant is \$88,302.17.

Chair's update on Financial Matters

Jack Morgan reported that the Sprague Field Project appears to be coming in under budget, however there needs to be a review of the cost of activities within the remediation area and a reconciliation of overall savings versus budget to determine the final CPA expenditure.

Town Clerk Kathy Nagle submitted an invoice for \$29,010.28 for the Preservation of Marriage License Records. This project was approved last year for \$30,000. A motion to approve payment was passed unanimously (moved by Dona Kemp, Jim Conlin seconded).

The committee has scheduled the next three meetings for Tuesday, January 6th, Wednesday, January 21, and Tuesday, February 3rd. Janice Hanna will confirm the locations of the meetings.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Hanna,
Administrative Assistant