

## **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes - November 12, 2008**

CPC Members Present: Kit Bowry, Rose Mary Donahue, Joan Gaughan, Dona Kemp, Jack Morgan, Tony Parker, Jim Conlin (8:50 pm), Helen Robertson (9:30 PM), Janice Hanna, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: Caren Parker, Advisory Rep. (7:50 pm to 9:00 PM)

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

Citizen Speak: No citizens addressed the CPC for Citizen Speak, although two citizens observed part of the meeting and received information about the role of the CPC and other Town Boards with responsibilities for neighborhood preservation and related objectives.

Approval of Minutes: with minor corrections, the June 19<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved, as well as October 1<sup>st</sup> minutes (moved by Dona Kemp, Joan Gaughan seconded).

Review of Supreme Judicial Court - Newton Case: Jack Morgan presented a brief overview of the SJC Newton case. The Committee discussed the approval of funds for CPC open space and recreation projects with the main focus justifying preservation as contrasted to rehabilitation, saving various resources from being “lost” (i.e. Sprague Field, Morse’s Pond).

Update on Original Town Hall Project: Dona Kemp reported on the status of the Original Town Hall project. Artifacts including a sizable portion of the meeting room floor, portions of the post-and-beam framing, and other items have been removed. The DPW will store these artifacts in a trailer on DPW premises pending reuse of such pieces. A review of the preservation of such stored artifacts to take place within a 3 year period – the CPC will look to the Wellesley Historical Commission for leadership on the appropriate place or places for the display or reuse of the artifacts. The Committee voted to approve a payment to Bill Gould in the amount of \$3,705.00 (motion by Dona Kemp; second by Joan Gaughan. Once an invoice is received from Kidder and the transfer voucher from the DPW, these will be processed and the project will be closed out, with a total cost of less than \$20,000. The balance of the \$296,000 appropriation will be returned to reserves for future historic resource projects.

Short Form Preliminary Applications: The Committee received seven (7) Short Form applications as follows:

Lower Falls DCR Bridge Preservation Project: Neal Seaborn of the NRC and Bob White of the Trails Committee presented a brief overview of this project. The old railroad

bridge would be converted to a usable pedestrian bridge that would connect a walking trail from Wellesley to Concord Street in Newton. There was a preliminary request is for \$130,000. The Committee raised questions about the split of the project costs among various potential funding sources including the City of Newton. Tony Parker was assigned as point person.

Sprague Clock Tower: DPW requesting \$65,500 in CPC funding for the Sprague Clock tower to for repairs and other work on the structure. It was noted that CPC funded a project to light the clock tower in 2005. Kit Bowry was assigned as point person.

Wellesley Free Library: Board of Trustees requesting CPC funding for the replacement of wooden doors. The Library is requesting exact replacement and has not provided a cost estimate. Kit Bowry was assigned as point person.

Wellesley Conservation Council: Nancy Bagdasarian on behalf of WCC requesting \$7,032.32 in CPC funding for a newly revised edition of "Walks in Wellesley." Dona Kemp was assigned as point person.

Wellesley Housing Development Corp.: Request for \$350,000 funding to have available funds available for the purchase of houses to increase the affordable housing stock in Wellesley. Tony Parker was assigned as point person.

Wellesley Housing Authority: Two (2) applications for funding for WHA. The first is an application for \$50,000 for Barton Road Development/Redevelopment plans. There will be a 50/50 funding with MA Housing Authority. The second is for rehabilitating Waldo Court making units habitable. The amount of the funds requested has not been determined but will probably be on the order of \$700,000. Jim Conlin was assigned as point person for both projects.

The CPC discussed other potential opportunities, which may be come available to the town, including acquisition of land and existing housing stock.

Due to certain scheduling conflicts and other town agency commitments, the CPC decided on the following generic schedule of future CPC meetings. It was agreed that meetings scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month will target Tuesday, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> week will target Thursday, for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week will target Wednesday, and for the 4<sup>th</sup> week will target Thursday.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Hanna,  
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