

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
March 25, 2009

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 in the Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Station

Present: Kit Bowry, Bradley Boyd, Jim Conlin, Rose Mary Donahue, Joan Gaughan, Dona Kemp, Jack Morgan, Tony Parker

Others Present: Barbara Seale (BOS), Neal Seaborn (NRC), Bob White (Trails), Kevin Hollenbeck (Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR))

Chair Jack Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Citizen Speak: no citizens addressed the committee

Lower Falls Railroad Bridge Project: Kevin Hollenbeck, Department of Conservation and Recreation, West District Manager, Division of Parks and Recreation, explained that the Lower Falls Bridge is on the state's Accelerated Bridge Program list and repairs, abutment to abutment, will be funded by the state. Work is scheduled to begin this summer and be completed in the fall. Design funds from the DCR, Newton and Wellesley are being used for the planning/design phase including the approaches to the bridge on the Newton (abutment to Concord Street) and Wellesley (abutment to National Development property line) sides. Kevin is ready to hire a landscape design firm. Property line and topographical surveys will be completed. With this information in hand, the DCR will hold public hearings on design plans for the approaches.

CPC has reached the conclusion that at this time there is no need for Wellesley to commit CPA funding for the Lower Falls Bridge project or to enter into a collaborative agreement with DCR and/or Newton regarding the approaches and therefore, based on this clarification, CPC will not seek funding for this project at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. CPC will consider bringing a request for funding to a future Town Meeting, either for a stand alone project for the approach to the bridge from Wellesley or as a joint project with Newton combining the approaches from both sides of the Charles River.

CPC Article 19 – Motion at Town Meeting (see attached)

We will have one Motion under Article 19. Our Motion has three parts: Part A requests CPC funding for Community Housing (Waldo Court and the WHDC); Part B for Historic Resources (Sprague Clock Tower); Part C for CPC's FY10 administrative funds, and transferring 10% of FY9 CPC revenues to each of the three required CPA categories. CPC expressed a preference to take Article 19 in order at Town Meeting.

Wellesley High School – Preservation Committee

This committee is looking at the possibility of using approximately 900 sf of flooring salvaged from the old Town Hall (and currently in a storage trailer at the RDF) in the new Wellesley high school...possibly as flooring. The Board of Selectmen, Wellesley Historical Commission and CPC were charged with determining how the salvaged materials shall be used. CPC agreed that, in terms of use of the flooring of the above described purpose, Jack Morgan and Helen Robertson may speak on behalf of the entire CPC.

Meeting Notice

CPC will meet at 6:30 pm at the Wellesley Middle School on March 30 but will not meet on March 31, April 6, or April 7 unless otherwise posted.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Submitted by Kit Bowry



TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 19

MOTION: 1

I. That the following amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee be appropriated for fiscal year 2010 community preservation purposes from the specific funding sources set forth below, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

A. For Community Housing Purposes:

1. To the Wellesley Housing Authority, the sum of \$700,000 for the renovation of 12 units of community family housing at 50 Linden Street (Waldo Court) to restore them to use, said funds to be expended in addition to the \$1,650,000 in Department of Housing & Community Development funds already contracted and any other State or Federal funds received, said appropriation to be funded \$152,800 from revenues reserved for Community Housing in Part II of this Motion, \$301,682 from balances on hand in the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve and \$245,518 from unreserved balances in the Community Preservation Fund;

2. To the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation, the sum of \$350,000 for the acquisition, creation, rehabilitation and support of community housing, said appropriation to be funded entirely from balances on hand in the undesignated Community Preservation Fund; and

B. For Historic Resources Purposes:

1. To the Department of Public Works, the sum of \$65,000 for repairing, preserving and restoring the Issac Sprague Memorial Clock Tower in Elm Park

(listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007), provided that the Community Preservation Committee and the Wellesley Historical Commission certify that the contract for the work complies with the Standards for Rehabilitation stated in the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties codified in 36 C.F.R. Part 68, said appropriation to be funded entirely from balances on hand in the Community Preservation Fund Historic Resources Reserve;

C. For Administrative Expenses of the Community Preservation Committee:

To the Community Preservation Committee, the amount of \$50,000 to be expended for any permissible administrative purpose under the Community Preservation Act, said appropriation to be funded entirely from unreserved balances on hand in the Community Preservation Fund;

And

II. That the following respective amounts from the annual Community Preservation Fund revenues received for fiscal year 2010 be reserved for the following community preservation categories:

Open Space (excluding Recreation)	\$ 152,800
Historic Resources	\$ 152,800
Community Housing	\$ 152,800

and in the case of the Open Space Reserve and Historic Reserve categories, such reserved amounts shall be for future appropriation, and in the case of the Community Housing Reserve category, such reserved amount shall be made available to fund the current Community Housing appropriations authorized under paragraphs A.1. and A.2. of Part I of this Motion.

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature