

**Town of Wellesley
Community Preservation Committee
Minutes-September 16, 2009**

The Community Preservation Committee met in the Great Hall of the Wellesley town hall on September 16, 2009.

Present were: Jack Morgan, Allan Port, Rose Mary Donahue, Joan Gaughan, Kara Cicchetti and Tony Parker.

There were no other citizens who attended or chose to speak.

The Chairman, Jack Morgan asked if the proposed schedule of meetings for second and fourth Wednesday evenings of the coming months seemed appropriate. Also he asked if the 7 p.m. meeting time would work. There was agreement on the proposed meeting time and schedule. It was noted that November 11 and other dates might need to be reconsidered as we approached those dates.

Related to the discussion of meeting dates was a discussion of reinforcing the October 15th date for receiving applications from proponents for grants and the need to keep the Advisory Committee informed of potential proposals that our committee might be bringing to Town Meeting. It was agreed that more and earlier dialogue with the Advisory Committee than had happened last year was desirable.

Next, the Chairman informed the Committee of the progress in trying to find administrative support for the Committee. A candidate has been identified following an interview process and, hopefully, could be hired by the end of the month.

The committee then reviewed the possible proposals that it would be considering for funding for fiscal year 2011. It appears that the Board of Selectmen is going to bring the “Lower Falls/Charles River Park” to the CPC. The Natural Resources Commission is going to bring the restoration of Fuller Brook Park. And, the Selectmen or the DPW may bring the conversion (preservation) of the electric substation located on Worcester Street/route 9 to the CPC. The Committee agreed to allocate up to \$750 of administrative funds for the preparation of an Inventory Form as requested by the Historical Commission in order to assist in determining eligibility for CPC funds under ‘historic preservation.’ Tony Parker stated that he would follow up with the Wellesley Housing Authority on their letter of intent relating to various studies as well as with the Dept. of Public works and the Wellesley Historical Association relative to their interests in preserving public records and assisting in program development respectively.

There was a brief discussion related to the eligibility of the Fuller Brook Park. It was the committee’s sense that the project might qualify under the “historic

preservation” requirement and that further justification regarding eligibility might not be necessary.

The committee concluded its meeting with a brief discussion of the SB90 proposed legislation which would enhance the CPA funding mechanism and guarantee that cities and towns who participate would receive at least a 50 percent state match to their local funding. The Board of Selectmen have voted to endorse the proposal and the Chairman of the CPC agreed that he would submit written testimony on behalf of the committee. The committee gratefully agreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore F. Parker