

Community Preservation Committee Meeting of November 13, 2008

PLACE: Town Hall

6:36 P.M. Public Hearing called to order by Chairman Lucas

A. Quorum/Attendance

Members Not Present: Carol Tyson

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

B. Approval of Minutes – 9/10/08

Ellsworth Sylvaria motioned to approve the minutes of the 9/10/08 meeting as clarified. William Markey seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

C. Bills

1.) Community Preservation Coalition - \$1,500.00 – Membership/Dues - 2009

Marinus Vander Pol – How do you justify the cost of this?

William Roth – I think its well worth what they have to offer.

Ellsworth Sylvaria – I think that after hearing the presentation, it's worth it.

Marinus Vander Pol – I don't want to lose Finance Committee support because it is a large amount.

William Markey motioned to pay this bill. Frank Rezendes seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

D. 2008 CPC Applications – Distribute and discuss applications received

William Roth – These are all of the applications.

Chairman Lucas – There will be no more.

William Roth – There are four from the Housing Authority and one from the School Committee. The School project is clearly fundable and it's within the projected 10 Percent minimum limit. I use the highest number of \$280,000.00. That's what I figure the 10 percent of, but I round it down to \$250,000.00 for spending purposes. I'm hearing a 35 percent match for next year. To be conservative, my recommendation is to reserve \$40,000.00 for each category, minimum. I will then take \$250,000.00 and add 35 % and that's all you can spend. Round numbers, there's approximately \$340,000.00 available.

Frank Rezendes - With respect to the high school roof problem, I'm just curious as to whether or not they've looked at the entire roof.

William Roth – I suspect they'll be back asking for more funds in the future.

William Roth- The Housing Authority non-profit project is fundable should you choose to do it.

Chairman Lucas – I think there are probably two or three of their four projects that are supportable.

- Discussion ensued regarding some of the issues that came up with the projects.

Marinus Vander Pol – If we could prioritize the article, I could support it.

William Roth – They're independent articles.

Chairman Lucas – There are a lot of issues that I want to ask them about.

William Roth – With regards to the land purchase proposal, you could fund a lesser figure, they can still move forward and negotiate with the property owner and try to find other funding resources.

Chairman Lucas – I'm fully supportive of priority 2. That's for the non-profit. I'd like some supporting documentation.

Marinus Vander Pol – I agree with the supporting documentation.

Chairman Lucas – I'm not sure on priority 3, Affordable Housing Plan request.

William Roth – The Planning Board will be pursuing funding for a master plan in the future. The Affordable Housing Plan would be an element of a future master plan. I do not see why it could not move forward. Other elements such as a school needs assessment and a public works infrastructure assessment have been funded. All can be use to help form the basis of a new Master Plan.

Chairman Lucas – So, if we don't fund it, the Town will?

William Roth – Not necessarily. I do not see Town Meeting funding a Master Plan in the foreseeable future.

Marinus Vander Pol – This will get lip service in the Town Master Plan. This is the compass they need.

Ellsworth Sylvaria– I would support it.

Chairman Lucas – Priority 4, Generator request, is a non-issue.

Marinus Vander Pol – It's not fundable pursuant, to the definition of Community Housing.

E. NSTAR Property – Doane Street - Update

William Roth – This project is on the back burner right now. The DCR State funding has been cut and there hasn't been a lot of money. They are going to sit on it.

F. Any Other Business

None

G. Set Next Meeting - December 16, 2008

Jay Simmons motioned to adjourn. Ellsworth Sylvaria seconded. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Pelland
Secretary to the CPC