

Community Preservation Committee Meeting of February 11, 2010

PLACE: Town Hall

6:30 P.M. Meeting called to order by Chairman Lucas

Chairman Lucas - Read a resignation letter from Mr. James Pelland, CPC recording secretary. He praised him for his many years of hard work with the Committee and that he would be missed.

The Committee was unanimous about what an excellent job he had done and that he would be missed.

A. Quorum/Attendance –

Members in Attendance: Chairman Lucas, William Markey, Terrence Meredith, Frank Rezendes, James Souza, Jay Simmons and Carol Tyson

Members not in Attendance: Cynthia McNaughten and Marinus Vander Pol

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

B. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2010

Carol Tyson motioned to approve the minutes to the January 21, 2010 meeting. James Souza seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

C. Bills –

1) Perry Hicks Crotty & Deshaies - \$210.00 – CPC Art. #46D – Main Street legal fees

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

2) Community Preservation Coalition - \$1,500 – 2010 Membership Dues

Carol Tyson motioned to pay this bill. Terrence Meredith seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

D. FY 2010 CPC APPLICATION DISCUSSION:

- **Housing Authority – Fire Alarm Upgrades - \$40,000**
- **Millicent Library – Roof Project - \$55,000**
- **Fhvn High School – Arch. Services Project - \$50,000**
- **Long Rd. Scott Property (Map 24, Lot 2) – \$70,000**
- **Historical Com.- Academy Bldg. Window Project - \$12,000**
- **Nasketucket Fields CR – Coalition for Buzzards Bay - \$125,000**
- **Robichaud Property (Map 53, Lot 2) – \$1,000,000**

William Roth – Reviewed the budget and estimated revenue. Based on the existing funds in the undesignated balance and estimated revenue, the Committee can fund the Housing Authority, Library, High School, Academy Building and the Long Road land purchase requests. The remaining balance available after those projects is approximately \$233,000. Please note that the NSTAR Doane Street project may require \$75,000 and the Coalition for Buzzards Bay has a revised request that they would like to discuss later on in the meeting.

Chairman Lucas – Thank you for the figures. Well it seems that we are in good shape to fund most of the request this year.

William Roth – Presented the Committee with a draft Article that included the five project voted on at the last meeting and the Committee's budget of \$12,6000.

Frank Rezendes motioned to approve the article as submitted and submit it for the Annual Town Meeting warrant. James Souza seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

E. OTHER BUSINESS –

1) NSTAR Doane St. Property

Terrence Meredith – What is the status of the NSTAR property? If we can come to an agreement we will need to make that the next priority project because we have been working on it with DCR for quite a long time.

William Roth – Indicated that DCR had an appraisal of the property and the value was determined to be \$150,000. If NSTAR agreed to that price the CPC would have to commit to 50%, \$75,000. There is a meeting set for Friday, February 19, 2010 at 10am at Town Hall with DCR and NSTAR.

2) Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) Revised Request.

Brendan Annett and Allen Decker (CBB) – Reviewed a revised request to purchase a 59 acre parcel off of New Boston Road owned by Mahoney and Sons. The reason for the change is that the property owner of the Nasketucket Fields CR has not finalized a P&S for the Conservation Restriction. The new request is for \$200,000, which would be used as a match for a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. The Town would have to apply for the grant, which is due March 31, 2010, however, the CBB would assist the Town with writing the Grant.

Chairman Lucas – I like the request; however, I feel the Committee should advertize a new meeting with the proposed change. That way we can give the community an opportunity to comment.

Jay Simmons – Can we fund this request and the NSTAR project?

William Roth – No, the projected available funds are approximately \$233,000.

Jay Simmons – What if both of your projects are ready to go, what would you propose to do?

Brendan Annett – We would request that the Committee fund the Mahoney property project. It is ready to go and is part of a larger land acquisition project in Mattapoissett totaling 384 acres adjacent to the 59 Fairhaven acres.

Carol Tyson – Is this a watershed protection project?

Brendan Annett – Yes. We are working with the Mattapoissett CPC, Water District, State and Federal funding sources.

William Roth – I feel that it is the sense of the Committee that you all like the revised project and if the NSTAR project does not happen that you would want to move forward with the revised CBB request. If that is the case, I would recommend that the next meeting be March 4th and I can put a public notice in the Neighborhood News.

The Committee was in agreement.

F. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, March 4, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

James Souza motioned to adjourn. Terence Meredith seconded. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Roth, Jr.
Planning and Economic Development Director