

## **Community Preservation Committee Meeting of November 14, 2007**

PLACE: Town Hall Banquet Room

6:49 P.M. Public Hearing called to order by Chairman Lucas

### **A. Quorum/Attendance**

Members Not Present: Ellsworth Sylvaria, Terrence Meredith

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

### **B. Bills – None.**

### **C. Approval of Minutes – 8/8/07**

William Markey motioned to approve the minutes to the 8/8/07 meeting. Carol Tyson seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

### **D. Distribute & Discuss 2008 CPC Applications and Set Review Schedule.**

Chairman Lucas – I was surprised there were so few applications.

William Roth – The Town has submitted an application for the next phase of the Town Hall repair project under historic preservation and this clearly complies with the act. The Nasketucket Land Preservation project complies under the CPA for open space. This is to purchase 55 acres within the Nasketucket Watershed. The committee needs to discuss with the Coalition for Buzzards Bay about funding a match under the urban self help program. The Housing Authority project, I believe, complies with the act. The application is a little frustrating to go through because the copies are cut off on the right hand margin. So, I have to check it. But I'm fairly confident that it complies. They are requesting non-competitive funding. With regards to the other two, there was a recent court ruling in the Town of Norfolk, looking into building new recreational facilities. The court ruled that you couldn't request CPA funds unless the property was bought with CPC money. This may be challenged. I think this applies to the pool application and the application for the lights at the Little League fields. I would like to hire legal counsel to review these to see if they're even fundable.

Marinus Vander Pol – That's part of our budget.

Chairman Lucas - It's in the act that this is an allowable expense. Is the pool even on the table here?

William Roth – They didn't follow instructions and use our application. However, I believe the prudent way to deal with this is to send both of them for a legal opinion and have the counsel rule on each one.

Chairman Lucas – I have a problem not meeting the deadline with a proper application. It sets a bad precedent.

Marinus Vander Pol – This hasn't even been endorsed by the Selectmen. Do we know what the legal services will cost?

William Roth - I will check on it.

Chairman Lucas - I think the Selectmen are allowing that Committee to do a lot of the legwork with minimal enthusiasm on their part.

William Markey – Somebody working for the state must have the answers to these questions.

Frank Rezendes – I think you're right, Bill. They are willing to help us.

William Roth – I'll get a contact. I can go to DOR first. I'll send them a formal letter.

Marinus Vander Pol- We've got a month. If Bill can generate answers within that time, then we're ok.

Jay Simmons – Is there any money left over from last year?

William Roth – Yes, but not in all categories. (Mr. Roth outlined the figures.) We will also look at the impact of borrowing; if that is the way you choose to go.

William Roth – As far as a schedule, I am proposing December 12, 2007 for the interviews. On that date, I will give 15 or 20 minutes for them to present their applications.

Marinus Vander Pol motioned to allow applicants 20 minutes or less for those who don't need it and to start at 6:30 p.m. William Markey seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

**E. Any Other Business – None.**

**F. Set Next Meeting – December 12, 2007.**

Marinus Vander Pol motioned to adjourn. Frank Rezendes seconded. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Pelland, Secretary,  
Community Preservation Committee