

Community Preservation Committee Meeting of January 15, 2009

PLACE: Town Hall

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

A. Quorum/Attendance

Members Not Present: William Markey, Marinus Vander Pol, Ellsworth Sylvaria, Jay Simmons (arrived at 6:37)

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

B. Approval of Minutes – 12/16/08

James Souza motioned to approve the minutes to the 12/16/08 meeting as amended. Terrence Meredith seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

C. Bills - None

D. 2008 CPC Applications – Review and Funding Levels

Chairman Lucas – I believe we only wanted to review the land purchase. We're up to speed on the other applications.

Alan Decker – We have received the appraisal. It came in at \$32,000.00. They felt it was undevelopable due to a septic issue. I went to the conservation commission and they were fully in support and would be more than willing to hold the title to the property.

William Roth – We still have a sales price of \$30,000.00.

Chairman Lucas – It comes in at a nice price.

Discussion ensued regarding Conservation Restrictions.

William Roth - With that I would recommend that we write the article for \$35,000.00 for the purchase and project in general. I don't think we need the survey. \$5,000.00 for the signage, closing costs, etc.

William Roth – I sat with the Town Accountant and created a summary sheet. There is \$0 in open space reserve. On community housing, we have \$79,044.00 undesignated. In historic preservation, there is \$0. The undesignated balance in the CP fund is \$10,766.93. The \$53,500.00 from the Nasketucket Woods project has to come out of this year according to the accountant. So, I thought we had in the neighborhood of \$64,000.00. But the \$53,500.00 will show back up next year. So, in reality we have a lot more next year than what shows. It's really an accounting exercise. Funds that support this cannot

be cut. The estimated fiscal year 2010 receipts are \$348,000.00. I am recommending a minimum of \$40,000.00 set-aside or spending in the three categories for the May Town Meeting. Continuing the conservative approach we have established so we have to do to not overspend the following is a recommendation for expenditures. The \$348,000.00 breaks down as follows: 1) \$5,000.00 for open space reserve, 2) \$35,000.00 for open space-New Boston Road land purchase, 3) \$40,000.00 for Fairhaven High School-historic, 4) \$255,400.00 for the three community housing proposals and 5) \$12,600.00 for administration. The deadline to vote on this is at your February meeting. It doesn't have to be tonight. I will put a place holder in for all the articles. The front page of the handout breaks it all down.

E. Any Other Business

Bill Roth – Please take a look at the annual report for approval.

G. Set Next Meeting - February 12, 2009

Terrence Meredith motioned to adjourn. James Souza seconded. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Pelland
Secretary to the CPC