

Community Preservation Committee Meeting of November 19, 2009

PLACE: Town Hall

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

A. Quorum/Attendance – Jay Simmons, Marinus Vander Pol, James Souza

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

B. Approval of Minutes – September 2, 2009

Carol Tyson motioned to approve the minutes to the 9/2/09 meeting. Terrence Meredith seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

C. Bills –

- 1) Mileage - \$145.20 – William Roth

Carol Tyson motioned to pay bill. William Markey seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Chairman Lucas – Let's welcome Cynn timer McNaughten to the committee.

D. FY 2010 CPC APPLICATIONS: Review Submittals

William Roth – The numbers on these types of things are very confusing. The surcharge will be about the same. The state will match our assessment. For purposes right now, I'm going with 30% and base the match on what we did last year. It's conservative because we never want to overspend. The fund had a \$10,000.00 balance from last year. However, I think we're going to see about \$100,000.00 come back in. So, you've got approximately \$450,000.00 maximum that you could spend. As far as the projects, let's take them from easy to hardest. As far as the fire alarm upgrade from the Housing Authority, I asked her to ask for a round number, because that's what I'll recommend. It's a legitimate expense. It's under the \$40,000.00.

Chairman Lucas – It's a thorough application. It's ready to go. I like it.

William Roth- The options are either \$35,000.00 with a \$5,000.00 reserve or just recommend the \$40,000.00. I think we should set aside 10 or 15 minutes for each projects for each applicant to give their information. As far as historic preservation, all three projects would qualify, including the windows, the library roof and the high school project.

Chairman Lucas – What is the School District asking for?

William Roth – It's for architectural services. As far as open space, the Robichaud property qualifies, but he's asking for a million dollars. He's looking to start a dialogue.

Chairman Lucas – This doesn't meet the criteria. But we can discuss it.

William Roth – The next one is Sallie Lou Johnson and the Long Road property. This is a possible project. It is a tremendous amount of wetlands. If you want to proceed with this, you would need an appraisal. There are administrative funds to pay for it if you want to go down that path.

Carol Tyson – I don't think it's a bad idea.

William Roth – Would you like me to get an appraisal?

William Markey motioned to get an appraisal. Terrence Meredith seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

William Roth – The Coalition for Buzzards Bay. We are all familiar with the Nasketucket Woods property and the adjacent Mariner Soccer property. This is to put together the match for a LAND Application an application to purchase the conservation restriction for the properties that I've outlined. It would still be owned by Mr. DeNormandie. I told them that they would have to make Town Meeting understand the value of a conservation restriction. Other than that, I think it's a fundable project.

Carol Tyson- I agree that it's a worthy project.

Chairman Lucas – I would have a number of questions for them. It doesn't have a lot of potential for development.

William Roth – DCR is moving forward with an appraisal on the NSTAR property. This doesn't need an application. So, I may be coming to you in January on this.

E. OTHER BUSINESS - None

F. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, December 17, 2009, 6:30 p.m.

William Markey motioned to adjourn. Terrence Meredith seconded. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Pelland
Secretary to the CPC