



# COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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## Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2020 - 6:30pm

FAIRHAVEN,  
MASS.

**Present:** Jeffrey Lucas (Chair); Ann Richard (Vice-Chair); Terrance P. Meredith, Jay Simmons and Roger Marcoux.

**Absent:** Pattie Pacella, Frank Resendes, Marcus Ferro and Nick Sylvia.

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

#### a) Chairman's Welcome and Media Notification

Mr. Lucas called the meeting to order.

#### b) Quorum/Attendance

Five members in attendance made a quorum.

#### c) Minutes of the meetings of January 9, 2020

Ann Richard made a Motion that was seconded by Roger Marcoux to approve the minutes. It was noted that on Line 9 it should show that Jay Simmons was in attendance. The Minutes were approved with that correction.

### 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### a. Green Meadows Doors - Fairhaven Housing Authority (FHA) proposal to replace the original apartment front and rear doors. Requested amount \$75,000.00.

Kris Sheedy of the FHA presented the project. This part of Green Meadows they call the "cottages". She submitted the cost breakdown. She understands that it is hard to believe they could cost so much. She noted that FHA gets some formula funding from the State but otherwise the Housing Authority is self-sufficient.

Jeff Lucas had a question about who the SE Regional Capital Assistance Team – Taunton Housing Authority was.

Kris said that they are what is known as a Regional Capital Assistance Team (RCAT) based out of the Taunton Housing Authority. The RCAT is a State program that provides resources to help bolster and support the work of smaller Housing Authorities throughout Massachusetts. They help plan and determine if a bid is necessary.

Ann Richard asked what state the existing doors are in. Kris said that they are operational but they would like better handles and storm doors. They are going to have to engage an architect.

Ann Richard asked if the doors would allow light through. Kris said they would ask the architect to look at that. Ann said the CPC appreciate the applications they get from the FHA. They are always thorough.

led that the CPC does not ordinarily make their decision the same night. They will let them

- b. The Buzzards Bay Coalition project at Fort Phoenix & Boys Creek Marsh Restoration. They want to leverage Open Space purchase of Boys Creek Marsh. Request amount is \$15,000.

Alan Decker said that they are asking for \$15,000 of CPC as leverage to support a \$300,000 purchase of a total of 9.9 acres including 3.5 acres at Fort Phoenix Park and 6.4 acres of saltmarsh at Boys Creek. They have been discussing this with Eversource for quite a while. The Ft. Phoenix lots have been approved in the past for house lots right on the edge of the park.

DCR has been a part of the conversation. Eversource said they would not do the deal for the house lots if the saltmarsh were not part of it. BBC plans to close the deal then transfer the Ft. Phoenix part to DCR and donate the saltmarsh lands back to the town through the Conservation Commission. They have not been to the Conservation Commission yet but plan to talk to them soon. As shown in some of the maps supplied as part of the application this area has a lot of habitat.

The \$15,000 requested from the CPA would be for pre-acquisition costs for the Boys Creek component and project costs including appraisal, assessment and legal fees. Obviously as saltmarsh there is not a lot a developer could do with this land but it is important to habitat and climate mitigation. Everything we do we are asked what its impact on climate mitigation will be.

There was a discussion about a previous proposal on Doane Street. Mr. Lucas said that the Planning Board received a proposal down there but there was so much work to be done they must have decided against it.

Ann Richard asked if the walking path on Doane Street would remain. Alan Decker said that BBC calls them social trails. He cannot really speak about that. It will be transferred to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and they do have a public accessibility requirement. They have said that their interest is to increase the buffers to the park and prevent development on the edge of the park. Mr. Decker does not know their specific plans.

The CPC will decide on the application at the February 6, 2020 meeting.

### 3. General Business

#### a. Annual Report

Mr. Foley presented a draft of the Annual Report. Ann Richard suggested that they add something to the affect that a third application for mosquito spraying on West Island was received but it was determined that it did not meet the parameters for CPC funding. Ann Richard made a motion to approve the CPC Annual Report with the one change. The motion was seconded by Jay Simmons and passed unanimously.

**Budget**

a discussion of the budget. Jeff Lucas noted that there is a 5% line item allowed for consultation. He is not sure if that includes hiring a consultant in the event a private consultant is needed to review potential projects.

4. **Future Meeting Schedule**

Next meeting scheduled for February 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Ann Richard is willing to do the research as to why communities go from 2 to 3 percent before the next meeting. Mr. Lucas also noted that there is other money that can tie into this as well.

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday February 6, 2020

Ann Richard made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.