

**SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting - February 1, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chair, Bill Rice

Present: Bill Rice, John Alves, Dave Pinsonnault, Jim Tusino, Willit Mason, Richard Wallace, Ron Blum, Susan Waddington

Absent: Mike Kreyssig

Minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

Bill Rice discussed the Open Space Plan currently being developed under Town Planner, John Hansen. Members of this Committee were asked to participate in developing the plan. Land inventories will be provided by the Conservation Commission and the Seekonk Land Trust.

The rest of the meeting was given over to a presentation by and discussion with Jennifer Goldson, an independent consultant specializing in CPA issues. Ms. Goldson brought some examples of work done for other CPC communities. More information can be found on her web site: [www.jmgoldson.com](http://www.jmgoldson.com).

Much of her presentation focused on the process for developing successful CPC outcomes.

- \*Importance of a needs analysis
- \*Outreach to go beyond the 5 boards/commission represented on each CPC. Go to boards/commissions in addition to holding workshops and public hearings.
- \*The Committee should profile each CPC area, that profile to be reviewed by the appropriate board/commission.
- \*Decide whether this CPC wants to control projects or rely on submission from boards/commissions.
- \*Planning process needs to go from the general to information/criteria specific to Seekonk.
- \*Get priorities/criteria/etc. in order before accepting applications.
- \*Importance of cost analysis

What came across most strongly was the importance of an overall plan that would tie together criteria, goals, community needs and give the work of any CPC committee an ongoing structure clear to both the Committee and to the community it represents.

After Ms. Goldson's presentation the Committee discussed future steps, without reaching a formal conclusion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Next meeting: March 1, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk