

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Minutes – April 5, 2010

Present: John Alves, Jim Tusino, Willit Mason, Tom Clancy, Susan Waddington

Absent: Ron Blum, Richard Wallace, Michael Kreyszig, Dave Pinsonnault

The meeting was called to order at 7:06.

MINUTES of March 15 were accepted as written.

ELECTION OF NEW CHAIR: Was tabled until a larger group is present.

INPUT FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ATTENDING OUR MEETINGS: It was decided that we would take public input at the end of our meeting unless a specific topic warranted open discussion immediately after.

REVIEW OF CRITERIA: Tabled until sent to all member for a final review.

REPORT FOR TOWN MEETING: There will be a report at the May meeting.

DISCUSSION OF TIME/PLACE/FORMAT FOR OUR (REQUIRED) PUBLIC INPUT MEETING: I will contact some local CPC's to find out what worked well for them. We also discussed briefly the possibility for having a hearing or hearings for projects before presenting them to the Town Meeting for approval.

APPLICATION FORM: We will use the Lexington form, modified for Seekonk. We discussed the option of 2 application periods a year and the possibility of a two step application procedure, with no conclusion on either.

WHAT ELSE DO WE NEED TO INCLUDE IN THE DOCUMENT THAT WILL BECOME OUR CP PLAN?

We need to make our budget expectations for applications clear and consistent.

By the end of May we should have background specifics for each area – we now have the criteria, but need some paragraphs for each area indicating why we arrived at these criteria. Could be assessment of needs, open space survey – whatever fills in the Seekonk background.

Looking at other Community Preservation plans can provide help. (N.B. This is particularly directed to the board and commission appointed members who will know their own areas best).

OTHER ITEMS:

Willit asked if we would be able to accommodate an exceptional request, if one came along.

Jim has been charged with developing a calendar leading up to the November Town Meeting.

Susan will check to see if as a town committee we can meet in places other than Town Hall or the Public Safety Complex.

It was suggested that we include the Matrix chart in any report or application process.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35

Susan R. Waddington

Clerk