

## SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting October 22, 2012

Town Hall – Large Meeting Room

Present: John Alves, Willet Mason, Priscilla Dunn, Jason Adamonis, Susan Waddington

Absent: Jim Tustino, Neal Abelson, Richard Wallace (at adjacent meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Chair, John Alves.

*Approval of minutes from the September 17 meeting:* Two errors were pointed out in the last section where terms were reversed. Item 4 Old Town Hall should have read *Historical Commission* and Item 5 should have read *Housing and Open Space*. With these corrections the minutes were unanimously approved as read.

*Preparation for Town Meeting (November 13, 2012).* The Warrant Article concerning the Town documents project will read “with \$28,500 to be taken from the Historic budget and \$1,500 to come from Unbudgeted Reserve”. This was approved unanimously by those present. There will also be an article from the Selectmen requesting \$15,000 in support of this project. Jan Parker has been assured that they will support the project.

*New projects.* It has not become a formal project, but Jason expects Parks & Recreation to develop a project for repairing the bubbler at the Cole St. fields.

*Committee membership:* We still lack members from the Historic Commission and the Housing Authority. John has received a letter from the latter indicating they will take the matter up at their next meeting. He has had no response from the Historic Commission, but will urge Dan Horton to make an appointment that can be ratified when the Commission is at full strength.

*Round table:*

*Willet:* Willet and Kelley Whitmore (Trustees of Reservations) met with Town Treasurer, Chris DeFontes, to discuss resources for projects when insufficient CPA funds are available. Among the methods discussed were bonding and Serial State House Notes. The latter would cost more but be less complicated than bonding. Bond money could be used to fund an Open Space

Trust, but a project for bonding would be required. Town Meeting can approve bonding up to \$1,000,000.

*Susan:* Presented a draft for this year's Annual Report. Committee members agreed to review it for the month to come and approve/correct it at our next meeting. It is due in the Administrative Offices December 1.

*John:* Will make a Committee report as part of Article 1 for Town meeting. It will showcase our activities and perhaps inspire more committees to come up with projects.

*Public comments:* No members of the public were present.

*Next meeting:* November 26, 2012. 7:30 – Room TBA. This will enable us to finalize the Annual Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk