

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – September 17, 2012

Seekonk Town Hall – BOS Room

Present: Willit Mason, Neal Abelson, Priscilla Dunn, John Alves, Jason Adamonis, Susan Waddington

Absent: Jim Tusino, Richard Wallace (at adjacent meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair, John Alves

Minutes of the August 20, 2012 meeting were approved as read by all attending except new member, Jason Adamonis.

Town Hall Documents. The Committee reaffirmed its intention to request \$30,000 of CPA funds for this project at the November 13 Town Meeting with the remainder to come from regular Town funds.

Habitat for Humanity. Habitat has secured the balance of funds needed for the Gude St. house and will go before the Board of Selectmen to request the transfer of property on September 19. John will be there in support and asked for others to join him.

Cuddigan property. The appraisal for this possible Agricultural Protection Restriction project is not complete, so although the Land Trust hopes the project can go forward for a future Town Meeting, I will ask the Town Administrator to remove our place marker for a warrant at the fall Town Meeting.

Old Town Hall. Pam Nolan, Town Administrator suggests that town Counsel be consulted for wording on a possible lease for the building once remediation is complete. It was the Committee's feeling that the Historical Commission should take the lead on this. John will follow through on this with Pam Nolan and Dan Horton. We spent some time explaining this complicated project to new member Jason Adomanis.

Committee membership. We welcomed Jason Adamonis, appointed by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Chair received a letter from the Housing Authority administrator indicating that they would put the issue of a new appointee from them to us on their October agenda. The Historical Commission has not met in some time; John will keep after this.

Round Table.

Willit: The planning for the Y etc. trails will be completed in October. Kelley & Willit will talk to Town Treasurer, Chris deFontes, about bonding issues. They will also find out about

other options including an Open Space Trust.

Jason: Introduced himself and asked some questions about how the Committee works.

Neal: The Planning Board has a map showing roads that would be suitable for a Town bike path which includes #152. The "path" is not totally connected at this time.

John: 1. Received a call from Bob McClintock who was concerned about the potential development on 152. John explained that we had unsuccessfully tried to buy the land last year. There is still some doubt that the developer will get the necessary permissions.

2. Gary Sagar called him about the house adjacent plus one to the Library which might be suitable for Affordable community housing.

3. John (and Susan) highly recommended the recent Webinar on changes to the CPA legislation.

4. Old Town Hall – The Historical Commission should pursue getting State recognition of its historical value.

5. Both Housing and Open Space trusts can be funded by the Town.

Next meeting: October 22 7:30 p.m. Room at Town Hall TBD.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Waddington

Clerk, CPC