

## SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – September 22, 2010

Present: Willit Mason, Dave Pinsonnault, Ron Blum (chair), Richard Wallace, John Alves, Susan Waddington

Guest: Dan Horton

Absent: Tom Clancy, Jim Tusino

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:02.

### *Old business:*

1. Minutes of the August 2 meeting were unanimously approved.

### *New business:*

1. The chair handed out a Talent Bank form for Judith Johnson who would like to fill our present vacancy. Because this is a BOS appointment it must be approved by the Selectmen, but we will invite her to our next meeting to become acquainted and bring her up to speed.
2. The Committee had 4 applications to review. Prior to discussing the applications there was a brief discussion on how to distribute them as they come in. Ron is working on a solution with the Town Administrator; in the meantime, I will take care of distributing them as they are received. We hope to make it possible to file them electronically in the future. Because final wording for the November Town Meeting must be in place almost immediately, we needed to come to a decision tonight on these proposals.

Because Dan Horton submitted 3 proposals and was available, he was invited to attend the meeting so we could clear up any questions promptly.

- a. Arcade Woods and Trails. This is a connecting trail from the Y to the Turner Reservoir trails and was amended shortly before the meeting as the costs of land purchase had gone up substantially. Under the new plan only Lot 5

would be purchased, with a path running through the Town right of way along side Arcade Ave past the lots not included in this plan. An application has been made for a Land Grant, but we will not receive notification of this before Town Meeting. The Committee discussed the process/adviseability of bonding. The Chair will discuss the bonding process with the Town Administrator and the Finance Director.

*Decision:* The Committee recommended unanimously to approve the expenditure of up to \$160,050.00 for the Arcade Ave. Trails project – by bonding or direct payment whichever vehicle is most appropriate according to conversations with the Town Administrator and the Finance Director.

b. Old Town Hall. The \$40,000 requested is for a design and cost study to renovate and restore the Old Town Hall. The Committee felt strongly that a specific RFP covering exactly what this design study would cover needs to be in hand before presenting this to voters at the Town Meeting. We asked for and got confirmation that the lease agreement with the Wampanoags is a firm deal. (The Tribe needs the lease agreement to go forward with grant applications once the study is complete). Money for mold remediation, and asbestos and lead paint removal has already been voted. Concern was expressed that an appropriate firm be hired for the study – Dan indicated a couple of firms with more than adequate experience have expressed interest.

*Decision:* The Committee voted unanimously to approve up to \$40,000 from Seekonk Community Preservation monies for an RFP to study remediation, restoration and design for office and community space in the Old Town Hall, contingent on the presentation of an RFP prior to the November 2010 Town Meeting.

c. Restoration of 19<sup>th</sup> Century chimney stacks on Lt. Governor Simon Martin House, 940 County St., Seekonk. This is a preliminary application from Dan Horton and after some discussion the following decision was made.

*Decision:* The Committee voted unanimously to table this application until consideration of items for the Spring Town Meeting when the applicant can come back with more information.

d. Restoration of the 19<sup>th</sup> century cast iron fence at the Simon Martin House (see above). This is a preliminary application from Dan Horton and after some discussion the following decision was made.

*Decision:* The Committee voted unanimously to table this application until consideration of items for the Spring Town Meeting when the applicant can come back with more information.

3.New business: None

*Next meeting:* October 12 at 7:00 p.m. A short meeting to clear up any loose ends and to meet Judith Johnson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk