

## SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes - January 27, 2014

Present: Willet Mason, Jason Adamonis, Priscilla Dunn, Dave Norton, Richard Wallace, John Alves, Susan Waddington

Absent: Neal Abelson

Guests: Jim Tusino, Gary Sagar

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room by Chair, John Alves

The Chair changed the order of business in order to accommodate our guests.

*Review and potential vote for Seekonk Commons.* Jim Tusino presented a proposed for the Seekonk Commons Preservation Project (on file) indicating the amounts assigned to the project from the CPC application:

Windows	42,000
Repair of rotten siding	28,000
Vinyl siding and aluminum trim	180,000

The group then held a discussion on how best to present the numbers in a way that meets CPA law and yet recognizes that some of the actual figures can't be obtained until the work is well underway. The Committee had in its possession information from the Department of Revenue, Stuart Saginor of the Community Preservation Coalition, and the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance. A chief point of discussion was the advisability of concentrating on one area (siding) vs. using two or more areas (windows, siding) to give us more flexibility.

At the end with the help of Selectman Gary Sagar the following motion was drafted to be presented to the Board of Selectmen after John had run it by Treasurer, Bruce Alexander:

*A proper motion would be to request that the Seekonk Community Preservation Committee requests \$250,000 to fund the Seekonk Common Preservation Project. \$100,000 to come from the Community Housing allotment and \$150,000 from the Unbudgeted Reserve.*

The Committee also recognizes that the Town Attorney may change the wording of this article. A vote was taken to approve and forward the Warrant Article. All present voted in favor of this.

At the end of the discussion it was agreed that John Alves should set up a process with the Finance Director so the committee would review bills before they went to the Board of Selectmen to be sure they were appropriate to the project. We also urged Dave Norton to encourage Mike Markley, Historic Commission Chair, to encourage the BOS to spend the last \$40,000 of the appropriation for Old Town Hall on roof repair.

*Minutes of the January 6, 2014 meeting* were unanimously approved as written.

*Invoices from SITEC* for surveys of the Turner and Lagerquist properties were unanimously approved and will be given to the Finance Director for payment.

*Oak Hill Drive.* An article in the Attleboro Sun Chronicle was written to indicate that the CPC was playing a role in negotiations for the Carpenter House at 302 Oak Hill Avenue. The Chair called Joe Siegel to indicate that we were not involved in any way with the house at this point.

*Updated amounts in CPA funds as of January 16, 2014:*

Unbudgeted reserves	\$781,178.84
Open space	27,500.00
Historic preservation	27,500.00
Community housing	110,000.00

*Current projects:*

Willet: The appraisals may have been done on the Turner and Lagarquist properties. Once that happens, the Land Trust (or possibly the Town) will sit down with the owners to determine purchase prices.

*Round Table:*

Willet: Asked for a more complete information from the Finance Director including what committed funds remain in our accounts and what has been appropriated. Perhaps on a monthly basis. John has already asked to see incoming bills before they go to the BOS for payment and he will follow through with Bruce on this. If appropriated funds are not spent within two years, the money reverts to the CPC.

Dave: Is gathering information for the Board of Selectmen on the requirements for the Old Town Hall roof.

*Next meetings:*

February 16 – 6:30 at the High School prior to Town Meeting. John will arrange for a room and notify us.

March 10 – Regular meeting at 7:30. Room to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted

Susan R. Waddington  
Clerk, Seekonk Community Preservation Committee

