

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting – March 30, 2015

Present: John Alves, Priscilla

Dunn, Jim Tusino, Willit Mason, Dave Norton, Susan Waddington

Absent: Neal Abelson, Jason Adamonis, Richard Wallace

The meeting was called to order in the Town Hall Meeting Room by John Alves at 7:32.

Minutes from the November 18 meeting were unanimously approved as written by those attending that meeting.

Updates on current projects:

Bittersweet Drive property closed Friday (March 27).

Turner property on Read St. is moving more slowly. There is still a grant application to assist in buying this property to be heard from.

Seekonk Commons – the contract has been awarded to Vereika Construction, Inc., a company mentioned at our last meeting which submitted the lowest qualifying bid.

New projects:

Willit reported that the Seekonk Land Trust is readying an application for further work on the Arcade Ave. Trail system. He gave a background on previous applications to those members who had not been on the Committee when the first grants were awarded. There is currently a sum of \$60,000 which can be used to fund the trail from the Y to the bridge (which needs to be built). The Y is currently unable to commit additional funds to this project, so an application will be forthcoming to provide funds to complete it. It is estimated that an additional \$82,000 will be needed to get the trail from the Y to the river, including an observation station. The actual CPC part of the trail system starts at the Runnin's River, but money needs to be found for the remainder of the Y project so it will meet up with our project.

Willit expects to bring a finished application to our next meeting which he hopes will be held at a time that permits us to get the new application on the warrant for the June Town

Meeting. The Committee unanimously voted to accept the Land Trust proposal in hopes that the application will be completed in a timely manner.

Committee member concerns:

Willit asked that we get a full financial report before each meeting including committed funds, funds available and an indication of funds coming from the Town and State. John will check into this.

Susan referred to Stuart Saginor's email asking all CPC Committee members to again write to their legislators in support of new legislation (HB 2587 and SD 670) that would provide greater funding for CPA activities on an ongoing basis. It was agreed that Committee members should do so.

John: Our CPA dues will be due soon (\$1750). The Committee voted to pay that amount as we more than get our money's worth.

He will ask the Town Administrator to verify terms for Committee members.

The Finance Director reports on the availability of CPA funds at Town Meeting.

He will also check on the status of Administrative Funds – do they cumulate?

Dave reported that the Old Town Hall project is on hold as the RFP needs to be rewritten. John will check with the TA on this.

Next meeting: April 20 at Town Hall. Time: 7:30

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington

Clerk