

## SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Meeting April 21, 2015

Present: John Alves, Neal Abelson, Willit Mason, Jim Tusino, Dave Norton, Susan Waddington

Absent: Priscilla Dunn, Richard Wallace, Jason Adamonis

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

*Minutes* of the March 30, 2015 meeting were accepted as written.

*Arcade Trails* application update: Currently the project has \$60,000 available - \$50,000 from a Recreational Trails Assistance (RTA) grant and \$10,000 from the Seekonk Land Trust.. The trail would cost \$350,000 to complete according to ADA requirements. Without following ADA requirements the trail could be completed for \$105,000. The big difference in price is due to the significant amount for boardwalk for the ADA trail. The cheaper trail would use bog bridges to cross the wetlands. Either way, having the help of the Boy Scouts will help reduce the cost.

A lengthy discussion ensued, concerning whether the Arcade Ave. trails should be ADA compliant. This was a leading factor in our getting the \$50,000 RTA grant. Bernadette DeBlander, Kelley & Willit walked the trail and felt like the trail could be fine without boardwalk but that may put our grant at risk. Jim Tusino and others felt that given the terms of the grant, the trail would need to follow ADA guidelines. It was agreed that the 4 people mentioned above would have one more discussion to clarify this issue. The Committee would then have one more meeting in early June to decide whether or not the project could be continued. The Y completed one section of the trail, which is ADA compliant. However they did not get the trail all the way to the Runnins River so the plan is to pick up from where the Y left off. Ideally the trail will accommodate those with accessibility issues in some way.

*Read St. (Turner) property:* Is moving along very slowly because some family members have concerns about the CR. The Conservation Commission is meeting with family members to resolve those issues. John will speak to Richard Wallace to express his concerns about the delays, According to Willit, all family members want this to happen. It's just a case of wording.

*New applications:* None

*Closing date for June 15 Town Meeting:* John will find out.

*Review monthly report from Finance Director:* We are now receiving a monthly report from the Finance Director which shows a) Receipts from the Town and the State for fiscal 2015; b) The amount of encumbered funds; and c) The amounts available in the various CPA categories for Seekonk. This will be a very useful tool.

*Term dates:* John will check with the TA's office to get these straightened out.

*Committee members concerns:*

Jim Tusino –

Willit Mason – there is a vague possibility that an application for preserving Seekonk acreage of the Sun Valley Golf Course may come through.

John Alves – The Town attorneys are working on a RFP for Old Town Hall.

*Next meeting:* June 1 at 7:00. Place TBD. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted

Susan R. Waddington  
CPC Clerk