

## SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes June 1, 2015

*Present:* John Alves, Dave Norton, Willit Mason, Priscilla Dunn, Susan Waddington

*Absent:* Neal Abelson, Jim Tusino, Jason Adamonis, Richard Wallace

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

*Minutes* of the April 21 meeting were accepted as written following clarification of the wording at the top of paragraph 2.

*Warrant articles:* John noted that article 8 will be the annual announcement of funds available:

\$34, 500 Each for Open Space, Community Housing and Historic Preservation

\$160,000 Unallocated funds

\$17,000 Administrative funds

We then continued our discussion of the Arcade Ave Trails project. A letter from the Recreational Trails Grants Administrator indicated that we could go ahead with making the trail non-ADA compliant and still retain our grant. In an April 29 meeting of John Alves, Jim Tusino, Willit Mason and Peter Jensen a plan was worked out including a viewing platform on the edge of the utility line and bog bridges. Jim's Boy Scout troop would provide part of the labor. However, other complications came up: An RFP will be needed for the project and developing new plans including the need to pay prevailing wage will increase the costs. Because so many variables are in place, a vote was taken and approved unanimously to withdraw our application. We will continue to refine the project and hope to present it at the next Town Meeting.

*Turner/Read St. property:* Willit reported that discussions between the Conservation Commission and the Turner family are progressing and the last details to be worked out concern the presence of livestock on the property.

*New applications:* None

*Monthly finance report:* Substantially the same as last month's. New figures will be available after the Town Meeting.

*Term dates for Committee members:* Expiring in 2016 – John Alves, Priscilla Dunn, Susan Waddington. Expiring in 2017 – Willit Mason. Expiring in 2018 – Jason Adamonis. Other board selected members are asked to find out their dates – preferably in 2017 or 2018.

*Member comments:*

Dave – Old Town Hall is in a holding pattern

Susan – Reminded Committee members of the need to provide documentation to legislators supporting the current bills to extend and increase the amount of state support for CPA.

*Next meeting date:* June 15, 2015 (prior to Town Meeting) at 6:30 in the Seekonk High School. Room to be determined.

Respectfully submitted

Susan R. Waddington  
Clerk