

Minutes – West Tisbury CPC meeting – December 12, 2007

Approved January 9, 2008

Present: Sean Conley, Al DeVito, Caroline Flanders, Ginny Jones (arrived 6:15), Dale Julier, Bruce Keep, Susan Phelps; Tony Nevin, Admin. Asst. Absent: Peter Rodegast, Lesley Eaton. Also present: Kathy Logue, Cindy Mitchell, Bruce Stone, Sue Hruby, Dianne Powers, and Dick Mezger, representing the Capital Improvements Committee (CIC)

Caroline called the meeting to order at 5:35. The CIC members were introduced, and Kathy Logue explained the CIC mission: To gather proposals requiring capital funds and prioritize them as 1) public safety; 2) maintenance of capital assets; and 3) desirable but not urgent. She further explained that all town projects proposed for CPC funding must also be considered by the CIC. Thus, although CPC-funded projects often involve private organizations such as Island Housing Trust, there is at least some overlap, and coordination could facilitate long-term planning and pooled borrowing by the town. Kathy also explained that the CIC considers only projects with budgets of \$10,000 or more and a life expectancy of 5 years or more. Bruce suggested that future applications from town groups for CPA funds should indicate that the applicants have contacted the CIC. It was further agreed that the CPC would send a list of applications to the CIC at the end of September each year, and that the CIC would send a list of its tentative recommendations to the CPC in January before CPC votes on CPA funding.

During discussion, it was agreed that CPA funds might be ideal for lower-priority town projects, and that the CIC should urge the proposers of eligible town projects to apply for CPA funds. Caroline reviewed the list of FY08 proposals for CPA funds, noting that only FY08-01, Town Hall renovation, involved borrowing. With respect to FY08-09A and 09B, Mill Pond dredging, Dianne Powers reported that the Selectmen had approved only FY08-09A for permitting. The CIC left the meeting, except for Bruce Stone.

Draft minutes of the meeting of December 5 were distributed, amended, and approved with Al DeVito abstaining. The proposed administrative budget for FY2009 was reviewed and unanimously approved.

The Committee then reviewed its discussion of whether CPA funds could be used to support FY08-10, historic resources inventory, and whether it could be supported by administrative funds if the project was spread over two years. Bruce indicated that there would probably be enough money in the administrative budget for this purpose. Tony circulated a budget worksheet assuming that some projects could be spread over two years and projecting available funds in FY2009. Caroline stated that if the CPC approves a project, it makes sense to fund it entirely; Bruce noted that CPA funds continue to earn interest until bills are paid, so full funding need not entail a loss of interest income. Susan urged that the MV Museum use an initial allocation of \$13,000 to leverage the remainder from the Mass. Historical Commission, and it was noted that the Mill Pond dredging project could use a similar leveraging approach. Dale suggested that funding awards should include time limits, so that failure to complete a project does not tie up funds that could be used for other projects. Caroline asked Tony to explore procedures for approving and paying bills in a timely fashion.

The next CPC meeting will be on January 9, 2008; a public hearing scheduled for 7:00 pm on January 16 will be announced by posters and newspaper notices, but not by paid advertisements. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Nevin, Admin. Asst.