

Minutes – West Tisbury CPC meeting – January 16, 2008

Approved January 30, 2008

Present: Sean Conley, Al DeVito, Caroline Flanders, Ginny Jones, Dale Julier, Bruce Keep, Susan Phelps; Tony Nevin, Admin. Asst. Absent: Lesley Eaton, Peter Rodegast.

Caroline called the meeting to order at 6:35. The minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2008 were reviewed and unanimously approved after discussion of ambiguities in funding for new playgrounds.

A draft of the CPC Annual Report for 2007 was reviewed, amended, and approved.

Caroline reported that Glenn Hearn had contacted the Community Preservation Coalition concerning interpretations of funding for the dredging project. A general discussion of alternative interpretations ensued.

Ginny Jones arrived and the regular CPC meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

At 7:00, the advertised public hearing began with about 20 members of the public in attendance. A brief summary of eligible projects was distributed. Jonathan Revere videotaped the meeting for MVTV. (A list of attendees is attached.)

Caroline reviewed the 10 proposals being considered for CPA funding, and then invited questions, comments, and general discussion. Attendees raised numerous questions about the Paths project, including its proposed location, width, and function as a walking versus bike path. It was noted that because of changes in the planned path location, the Paths appropriation voted at Annual Town Meeting in April 2007 may need to be revoted.

On other topics:

The use of CPA funds for land acquisition in connection with the proposed housing project at 200 State Road was challenged and the summary was corrected.

The desirability of the dredging project and its eligibility for CPA open space funds were discussed.

The use of CPA funds for rental-subsidy loans was questioned and its legitimacy was explained.

The issue of whether to expend CPA reserves this year or to hold some money back for desirable future projects was considered.

Finally, there was a general expression of support for the Town Hall renovation, for the historic inventory, and for the community housing projects.

The hearing adjourned at 8:30. The next CPC meeting will be on January 30, 2008, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Nevin, Admin. Asst.

List of attendees signing in at public hearing, 1/16/08

Ebba Hierta
Bea Phear
Diana Manter
J C Murphy
Ernest Mendenhall
Mary Lu Keep
Jill Bouck
Glenn Hearn
Prudy Buirt
Marjory Potts
Bob Day
Barbara Day
Skipper Manter
Richard Knabel
Cynthia Riggs
Craig Saunders
Joanie Ames
Phyllis Meras
Dan Culkin
Philippe Jordi
Richard Leonard
Pat Manning
Jonathan Revere