

Minutes – West Tisbury CPC meeting – March 26, 2008

Approved April 23, 2008

Present: Sean Conley, Al DeVito, Caroline Flanders, Ginny Jones, Dale Julier, Susan Phelps, Tony Nevin, Admin. Asst. Absent: Lesley Eaton, Bruce Keep, Peter Rodegast.  
Also present for the public information session: Binnie Ravitch, Glenn Hearn, David Vigneault.

A quorum being present, Caroline called the meeting to order at 5:45.

The minutes of February 27, 2008, were reviewed and approved unanimously.

David Vigneault presented and explained Project Status Reports for the Rental Conversion Program (no new funds involved) and for pre-development for the Sepiessa project (\$15,730.45 requested to pay charges invoiced by South Mountain and Saunders Associates). After project liaison members signed the reports, Al DeVito moved that payment to DCRHA of \$15,730.45 be approved provided that detailed invoices were submitted to substantiate the charges. Dale Julier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Tony circulated an updated budget of administrative expenses and a corrected summary of projects recommended for funding at Town Meeting in April 2008, including a projection of funds estimated to be available in FY09. Tony reported that on the basis of this morning's email from the DOR and subsequent analysis by Bruce Stone, state matching funds were likely to approach 100% of surcharge funds in FY09. Therefore, the previous conservative estimate of 75% matching can be accepted with some confidence.

The committee heard an oral summary of a statement submitted by Ebba Hierta concerning the Roadside Paths project, and acknowledged her concerns. The committee then considered how best to deal with the problematic warrant articles #27 and #28 relating to funding of the Roadside Paths project. Glenn Hearn argued that the articles should be withdrawn by the voters, but other approaches include tabling or passing or withdrawal by the Paths Committee (which had submitted the proposal) or by the CPC (which had recommended funding). The proper method for dealing with these articles will be discussed with the Moderator and Town Counsel.

David Vigneault reported that 72 rental subsidies were in place island-wide, and that there was strong support for the rental subsidy program with subsidies remaining within towns that provided the funds and with a number of landlords seeking to participate. He also noted that the Sepiessa expansion was proceeding on schedule. At this point David and Glenn departed.

Caroline reviewed the Finance Committee's recommendations on the proposals recommended for funding by the CPC, and general discussion of each project ensued. Ms. Ravitch departed and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Nevin, Admin. Asst.