

Minutes – Community Preservation Committee – Jan 7, 2009  
Approved 1-28-09

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

A quorum being present, Sean called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. The minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2008 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The status of pending projects was reviewed:

FY09-01: Tony reported that Habitat for Humanity had withdrawn its proposal for affordable housing on the Smith College lot.

FY09-04: Glenn described the status of the historic restoration sidewalk project, noting that he had estimates of \$45,000 for a brick sidewalk with wooden fencing and concrete curbing. He reported that the Historic District Commission had reviewed the project and given tentative approval.

FY09-10: Tony reported that the West Tisbury church committee was revising its request for funds. The first phase of the project will request funds for engineering studies which will be used to frame the scope of the project and its budget in subsequent phases. Committee members asked whether costs would be shared between the church and CPA. Tony reported that according to Stuart Saginor of the CP Coalition, CPA funds had been used to support all expenses for engineering studies for several such projects. Tony will raise the question with the WT church committee on January 12.

The Committee then reviewed questions about other proposed projects. Glenn and Ginny expressed concerns about the readiness of Bridge Commons (FY09-06), noting that state applications could not be submitted until fall of 2009. Ginny argued that CPA funds should not be tied up in projects that were slow to come to fruition.

After discussion of the progress of the IHT project at 250 State Road, Lesley circulated the most recent IAHF invoice and moved that the invoice be approved; Ginny seconded; and the motion was unanimously approved with two abstentions.

The CPC reviewed Tony's draft of the Annual Report and made suggestions for revision. Tony will submit a revised report to the Town before the end of January.

Ginny asked about the status of the Bailey Park project that was funded in April 2008, and Glenn reported that the WTAHC was working on an RFP.

The CPC discussed the structure of the Public Hearing to be held on Jan. 14. Sean will chair the hearing, call on applicants to present their proposals, and invite discussion (which may be limited in duration). Tony will prepare a brief summary of all projects currently under consideration for distribution at the hearing.

The next regular CPC meeting will be January 28, 2009, at which time the Committee will consider its recommendations to Town Meeting for funding of eligible projects.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Nevin  
Administrative Assistant