

Town of West Tisbury  
Community Preservation Committee (CPC)  
Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2020, 5:30 pm  
Howes House

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bea Phear, at 5:27 pm.

Present: Bea Phear, Ted Jochsberger, John Rau, Jeffrey DuBard, John Brannen,  
Cheryl Lowe, Nancy Dole

Others: Heidi Dietterich, Administrative Assistant

Old Business:

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the January 22, 2020 meeting. Chairman Phear asked if the Committee had any changes or corrections to the minutes. On a motion made by John Brannen, seconded by Cheryl Lowe, the committee unanimously approved the minutes as presented.

The Committee reviewed the warrant articles for a final time. John Rau pointed out that in Article 35, the ‘area median income in Vineyard Haven’ should read ‘area median income in Dukes County.’ It was suggested that at this late date for warrant revisions, a motion should be made on Town Floor to make the correction. The Committee asked Dietterich to check with Town Moderator, Dan Waters, on any procedural requirements.

John Rau updated the Committee on his application to become a member of the Parks & Recreation Committee. At this time, no-one else has filed paperwork, and February 27 is the last day to file. If Rau is elected to this position, Cheryl Lowe will check with the Parks & Recreation Committee to see if they will appoint him to the CPC, since she is retiring from that Committee.

New Business:

The Committee put liaisons in place to address questions on warrant articles, if asked, during Town Meeting. They are as follows:

- Ted Jochsberger, Article 34 – DCRHA
- Jeffrey DuBard, Article 35 – Perlman House
- Jeffrey DuBard, Article 36 – Housing Trust Fund
- Jeffrey DuBard, Article 37 – Old Court House Road
- Cheryl Lowe, Article 39 – MV Public Charter School Playground
- John Rau, Article 40 – Affordable Housing Trust
- Nancy Dole, Article 41 – MV Museum
- Nancy Dole, Article 42 – MV Agricultural Society
- Cheryl Lowe, Article 43 – Field Fund Irrigation System, West Tisbury School
- Bea Phear, Article 44 – ‘Change of Land Use’ Shared Use Path
- Bea Phear, Article 45 – Development of Construction Documents for Shared Use Path

Discussion regarding the Shared Use Path warrant article followed. It was noted that the 'Complete Streets' program only pays for construction, using State funding. It was also discussed that there is uncertainty about whether CPC and MassTrails monies can be used together.

The Committee reviewed a draft of the Town Meeting handout which had been put together by Dietterich. Bea Phear asked if it was needed this year. The Committee agreed to edit out the full warrant articles and make the handout one page. If there is room, put in some photos. It was agreed that the historic information about the Committee and its purposes, as well as showing reserve balances was good information for the community to be made aware of.

Chairman Phear asked the Committee to begin thinking about 'succession planning' since she will be stepping back from the Chairman position next year.

Chairman Phear noted that there would be no CPC meeting in March and reminded the Committee that Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

With no further business, the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi J. Dietterich  
Administrative Assistant