

Town of West Tisbury
Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2019, 5:30 pm
Howes House

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bea Phear, at 5:30 pm.

Present: Bea Phear, Ted Jochsberger, John Rau, Jeffrey DuBard, John Brannen,
Gary Montrowl, Lesley Eaton

Others: Heidi Dietterich, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Phear presented an invoice for the Committee's approval. The Library/Field Gallery Landscaping Project had been completed and they were requesting payment of \$30,000.00 to Oakleaf Landscaping. The Committee discussed that the costs were quite high. On a motion made by John Rau, seconded by John Brannen, the Committee unanimously approved payment of the invoice.

Old Business:

The minutes from the August 28, 2019 meeting were reviewed. On a motion made by John Brannen, seconded by Jeffrey DuBard, the minutes were approved, with Gary Montrowl and Lesley Eaton abstaining.

New Business:

The Committee welcomed back Gary Montrowl to the CPC. He will be representing the FINCOM on this Committee. A revised list of members and project liaisons was distributed in the agenda packet. Lesley Eaton asked why the West Tisbury School's 'Big Toy' playground projects not showing on the project liaison list. Dietterich was asked to investigate.

The Committee reviewed the Eligibility Applications received. Chairman Phear said there are more applications this year than money available. John Rau said the CPC can always give less money than was requested.

Martha's Vineyard Museum, Document/photo conservation - On a motion made by John Rau, seconded by Jeffrey DuBard, the Committee unanimously deemed this application eligible for CPA funding. The Committee will ask member Nancy Dole for her input on this application.

Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society, Ox cart repair, document preservation/organization – On a motion made by John Rau, seconded by John Brannen, the Committee unanimously deemed this application eligible for CPA funding. It was noted that there are a number of requests within this application, the CPC will need to make sure each task is detailed with costs. Dietterich shared that the Boston Public Library will digitize documents at no charge, for future reference.

Daggett Avenue Townhouses – On a motion made by John Brannen, seconded by Jeffrey DuBard, the Committee unanimously deemed this application eligible for CPA funding.

Perlman House Apartments - On a motion made by John Brannen, seconded by Jeffrey DuBard, the Committee unanimously deemed this application eligible for CPA funding.

Old Court House Road Apartments - On a motion made by John Brannen, seconded by Jeffrey DuBard, the Committee unanimously deemed this application eligible for CPA funding. The Committee asked that Dieterich follow up with Island Housing Trust on this application to determine why IHT had not asked other towns to support the Old Courthouse Road housing project.

The Committee also asked that Island Housing Trust prioritize these three projects. Also, the Committee would like clarification on how the IHT determines what towns to ask for support for their housing projects. And finally, the Committee would like to know the percentage of support per project per Town, from the IHT.

Discussion surrounding the Old Courthouse Road apartment project followed. Lesley Eaton asked why the Affordable Housing Committee had decided upon a rental situation versus a home site lot? Jef DuBard and Ted Jochsberger reported that the Affordable Housing Committee had met with abutters and neighbors and following those meetings determined that two units for two families was a better situation for the property. They both reported that considerable thought and input had gone into this project by the Affordable Housing Committee.

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority – On a motion made by John Rau, seconded by Gary Montrowl, the Committee unanimously deemed this application eligible for CPA funding. Discussion regarding the monies leftover annually from the application's request was noted by the Committee.

West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust Fund – On a motion made by John Brannen, seconded by Gary Montrowl, the Committee voted to approve this application eligible for CPA funding. John Rau, Ted Jochsberger and Jef DuBard abstained from voting since they were on the Affordable Housing Committee. Dieterich was asked to check on conflict of interest voting if a representative member's committee was applying for CPA funds.

Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard – It was discussed that this project is a moving target, whether to purchase a house or rent a house from Island Housing Trust. The Committee agreed that more specifics will be needed from the applicant's representative, Karen Tewhey. Will Harbor Homes own the property, or rent the property, and who will be funding the management of the property? On a motion made by Ted Jochsberger, seconded by John Brannen, the Committee unanimously deemed this application eligible for CPA funding.

Scott's Grove Debt Service – The Committee technically approved this project several years earlier, it would be the third of ten installments for Scott's Grove Debt Service.

Mill Brook Watershed Management Plan – The Committee had approved this project as eligible last year. The Committee did question what work had been accomplished in the first year of funding and would ask what had been done towards meeting the goals of this project during the interview. A specific timeline will be requested from this application's representatives.

MV Public Charter School Playground – This playground is open to the public. On a motion made by John Brannen, seconded by Ted Jochsberger, the Committee unanimously deemed this project eligible for CPA funding.

Public Bike Rack/Repair Station, West Tisbury Public Library – The Committee asked Dietterich to check with the Community Preservation Coalition’s Executive Director to be sure this project is eligible for CPA funding. On a motion made by John Rau, seconded by Ted Jochsberger, contingent on eligibility verified by the CPC’s Executive Director, the Committee unanimously deemed this project eligible for CPA funding.

Lamberts Cove Beach Parking Lot Improvement Survey – The Committee asked Dietterich to check with the Community Preservation Coalition’s Executive Director to be sure this project is eligible for CPA funding. The Planning Board administers the ‘Complete Streets’ program. The Complete Streets program pays for implementation of a project, not the prep/survey work that is needed to plan these projects. The Committee wondered why this project didn’t come out of the Town’s parks/recreation budget. The CPC strongly suggests a warrant article for this project. On a motion made by John Rau, seconded by Jeffrey duBard, contingent on eligibility verified by the CPC’s Executive Director, the Committee unanimously deemed this project eligible for CPA funding.

Old County Road Shared Use Path Study – The Committee would ask this applicant for a map specifically showing where this path would be installed. On a motion made by John Brannen, seconded by John Rau, the Committee unanimously deemed this project eligible for CPA funding.

West Tisbury School Irrigation Upgrade (Field Fund) – The West Tisbury School does support this project. It is to expand the irrigation for the fields which are open for the public’s use. The Field Fund helps to preserve sports fields on the Island. On a motion made by John Rau, seconded by John Brannen, the Committee unanimously deemed this project eligible for CPA funding.

The Committee questioned why the CPC articles were always placed at the end of the Town Warrant. Chairman Phear said she would ask Jen about this.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi J. Dietterich
Administrative Assistant