

## **Community Preservation Committee minutes of meeting on March 23, 2016**

**Present**-Bea Phear, Gary Montrowl, Glenn Hearn, Cheryl Lowe, Tara Whiting, Lesley Eaton, Scott Stearns and Pam Thors, Admin. Asst.

**Also present**-Donna Lowell Bettencourt and Mary Murphy from the WT School

**Absent**-Dale Julier and Sean Conley

The minutes of the meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The following invoices were reviewed and approved;

### **Invoices:**

DCRHA rental assistance – March –\$5,325.00

Reynolds Rappaport, Kaplan and Hackney, LLC-\$47.00

Administrative Assistant Payroll-\$834.83

An email correspondence from Rhonda-Affordable Housing to Kara Campbell-Community Preservation Coalition was reviewed, (see attached).

The draft ATM handout was reviewed. Pam asked the committee to take it home and email her with suggestions/corrections/etc. Bea stated that she would like the committee to be able to review these types of documents ahead of time. Pam said she would try to utilize email more in the future. She said that the final draft doesn't have to go to Tisbury Printer for another two weeks. One correction was noted.

The order of the ATM warrant articles was reviewed. Pam stated that the moderator, Town Counsel and Town Administrator had met for the final review of the warrant and decided collectively to put the School's Public Petition warrant article before the CPC articles. Bea questioned whether allocating funds to the school should happen prior to the approval of Art. 25, (first CPC article). All agreed that it doesn't seem logical and Pam suggested that Bea speak with the Town Accountant about it.

Bea stated the order of events to take place at Town Meeting; 1) the moderator will change the order of the school's warrant article. 2) After the moderator reads the article, Bea will stand and request the CPC amendment.

Donna Lowell-Bettencourt said that one of the West Tisbury School Committee members would be available to field questions. Gary said that, as a member of the Finance Committee, he would recommend the amendment. Donna said that a School Committee member would recommend the amendment to that committee as well. Donna mentioned that she would have to amend the amounts requested in Chilmark and Aquinnah at their Town Meetings in order to comply with the School Committee's regional budget formula. This will have to take place due to the fact that the CPC agreed to fund the project in the amount of \$145,000 instead of the requested \$160,000. Donna assured the committee that the school will continue to fundraise and thanked the CPC for the herculean effort put forth to accomplish possible CPC funding. All wished her well at the ATMs.

*Gary moved to approve the following language to amend Article #42 of the 2016 Annual Town meeting. Tara seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**ARTICLE 42:** ~~\*\*To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000) to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's renovation of the playground at the West Tisbury School providing design, procurement, construction and any costs incidental and relative thereto.~~

~~\*\*CPC amendment to Article #42– replace article in its entirety~~

To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000) to be used toward the \$295,000 phase one cost of the Up-Island regional School District's rehabilitation of the playground at the West Tisbury School, which appropriation shall fund, in part, the design, the procurement, and the construction related to replacing the "Big Toy" apparatus, including other costs and expenses related to this capital improvement. To meet this appropriation, \$5,199 will be appropriated from the Community Preservation Open space reserve; \$89,801 will be appropriated from the Community Preservation undesignated reserve; and \$50,000 will be appropriated from FY 2017 estimated Community Preservation Fund revenues provided for open space. Expenditure of any funds approved by this article is contingent upon the Up-Island Regional School District securing commitments for additional funding, in the total amount of \$150,000, from other Towns and/or from donations or other sources of funding.

The Committee reviewed the old correspondence that Pam brought in that she found regarding payments to the Affordable Housing Trust.

Bea mentioned an email she had received from Chuck Hodgkinson in Chilmark regarding that town's decrease in funding to support the Kuehn's Way Affordable Housing Project. She also cited the agreement between Chilmark and IHT recorded for any project they approve. Pam said that the CPC could look again at the differences between Chilmark's agreement and West Tisbury's at the next meeting.

Gary asked, and Pam replied in the affirmative, if each project applicant would have to have a representative at the ATM. She said she would forward the list.

Pam asked who would like to distribute the handouts at the ATM. Cheryl and Scott volunteered. Tara said she would bring them to the school.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm  
Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Thors  
Administrative Assistant

