

Town of West Tisbury
Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Virtual meeting via Zoom
Approved January 11, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: 5:35 p.m.

Community Preservation Members Present at Call to Order: John Christianson, Jef Dubard, Cheryl Lowe, Mary Sage Napolitan, Beatrice Phear, John Rau

Community Preservation Members Absent at Call to Order: Nancy Dole, Angela Lucky

Staff Present at Call to Order: Cindy Krauss

Others Present: Tim Boland, Prudy Burt, Molly Doyle, Emily Ellingson

Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2022: By a motion made and seconded, the Board voted in a roll call vote to approve the minutes as written.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Chair Position: Jef Dubard gave apologies and made a motion to resign as chair of the board and asked Cheryl Lowe to take over the position. The motion was seconded by Bea Phear and it was unanimously voted that Cheryl Lowe will take over as chair of the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Eligibility of Community Preservation Funds Applicants:
All applicants were deemed worthy of funding, however, there was a question as to whether or not the Street Trees of Martha's Vineyard project fit within the four areas of funding criteria. Tim Boland and Emily Ellingson from Polly Hill Arboretum spoke to the current condition of the tree canopy. Trees have become dangerous because many of them are in poor health or rotting. The Town of West Tisbury is not willing to be involved in tree planting at this time. Chairperson, Cheryl Lowe, recommended reaching out to Stuart Saginor's office for advice on whether or not the project is eligible for CPC funding. Bea Phear made motion, seconded by John Rau, to table the Street Trees of Martha's Vineyard project until an opinion can be received. It was voted unanimously.

2. Late Application:

Samantha Look spoke regarding the condition of the West Tisbury school's failing playground surface. She asked if the CPC would be willing to take a late application as the deadline had already passed. The Board recommended that they return next year.

3. Scott's Grove Borrowing:

Town Treasurer, Kathy Logue, sent an email regarding the Scott's Grove funding. Interest rates are on the rise by several points. The Board may want to pay it off sooner rather than later. The matter will be taken under advisement.

4. Administration:

Chairperson, Cheryl Lowe, requested that board members email in their representing boards and their term expiration dates so that the administrative assistant can create a current list of members.

5. Harbor Homes:

Bea Phear questioned the payment regarding the Harbor Homes project. She would like to have the Board vote to pay the \$75,000 Harbor Homes payment from last year. Bea Phear moved and John Christiansen seconded paying for last year. It was voted unanimously.

6. Aquinnah Playground Restoration:

Bea Phear proposed early discussion of applications in advance of the public hearing in January. She does not feel it is West Tisbury's responsibility to pay for restoration of the Aquinnah playground. Bea moved to deny the Aquinnah playground request. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn until there can be fair representation at the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT: By a motion made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m.