

Community Preservation Committee
April 25, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Present: Sean Conley, Al DeVito, Bruce Keep, Caroline Locke, Susan Phelps, Peter Rodegast, and Virginia Jones.

The meeting began at approximately 5:35pm.

Town Meeting review

Caroline recounted her conversations with Town Counsel Ron Rappaport prior to Town Meeting. Ron Rappaport advised that DOR opined over the telephone that the historic resources inventory project did not qualify as a “historic resources” expenditure under the act, therefore Ron advised that we appropriate money for this project out of the CPC administrative budget. Sean Conley reported that Jill Bouck and the MV Museum are in disagreement with DOR’s opinion and are trying to facilitate communication between the Mass Historic Society and the DOR regarding the necessity of inventories to historic preservation.

New Administrative Assistant

The Committee decided to ask Al and Bruce to approach Kristin to see if she could be persuaded to continue on as the CPC Secretary. Al and Bruce will report to Caroline by Monday, April 30, if there is any chance that Kristin could be retained, otherwise Caroline is authorized to place an ad seeking a new administrative assistant in the May 3, 2007 issue of the MV Times. If an ad is placed, the deadline for submitting applications will be 4:30pm, Monday, May 21, to enable the CPC to review the submitted applications at it’s next regular meeting on Wednesday, May 23, 2007. Based on Kristin’s tenure, the ad will be modified to reflect an expected hourly workload of 8-10 hours per week in the fall and winter months.

Goals for the coming months

Caroline suggested that the CPC work on the following projects in the coming months:

- a. Review/update the CPC Plan
- b. Review/update the Application process
- c. Develop process/procedure for disbursing funds to and monitoring the projects approved by the voters at the April 2007 Town Meeting

Caroline has approached the Nantucket CPC for guidance on disbursing funds and monitoring approved projects and will follow up with them and report back to the committee at the May 23, 2007 meeting.

Dale and Susan will do some online research and investigate what kinds of processes are employed by other Town CPCs and report back to the committee at the May 23, 2007 meeting.

The Committee will discuss a possible plan of attack on topics “a” and “b” at the May 23, 2007 meeting. The Committee briefly discussed the pros and cons of conducting one or more surveys of townspeople in connection with updating the Plan.

Community Preservation Coalition Dues

The CPC received correspondence from the MA Community Preservation Coalition explaining that they are moving to a membership-based organization in 2007 and are now asking CPA communities to pay a yearly membership fee, the amount of which is determined by the local CPA surcharge collected (the \$ collected from taxpayers). After discussion about what a valuable resource the Coalition has been thus far, on motion duly made and seconded the CPC voted to pay the dues assessed to our Town, totaling \$1500, and join the Coalition for one year. Next year the CPC will revisit this topic and decide if it is worth it to remain a paying member of the Coalition.

Park & Recreation application for eligibility

Bruce reported that the Park & Rec committee is unsure if it wants to proceed with it's proposal to conduct a survey to gauge town interest in a community hall because it is unclear if there are any available building locations in town to convert into a community hall. Caroline wondered whether or not a survey would qualify as a recreation expenditure under the Act. The committee discussed paying for a recreation survey out of its administrative reserve. This led to a discussion on the topic of surveys which should be followed up on at the May 25 meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn at approximately 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Locke
Co-Chairman