

West Tisbury CPC meeting – November 14, 2007

Approved November 28, 2007

Present: Caroline Flanders, Dale Julier, Bruce Keep, Susan Phelps, Peter Rodegast; Tony Nevin, Admin. Asst. Also present: Glenn Hearn, Selectman
Absent: Sean Conley, Al DeVito, Lesley Eaton, Ginny Jones.

Caroline Flanders called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

The committee reviewed two invoices for the Paths project approved in FY 07. It was agreed that a Project Status Report was needed for the project and that Peter would get clarification of engineering charges.

Susan moved that \$1100 be approved for payment to the MV Museum, completing expenditures for the Historic Resources Inventory project approved in FY 07. Peter seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Caroline raised the general question of how best to approach the review of applications, when to coordinate with the Finance and Capital Improvement Committees, and when or whether to have public hearings before the CPC votes on allocations. Glenn Hearn asked whether project leaders would be notified in advance about when their projects were to be discussed, and asked that the CPC evaluation criteria be included explicitly in application forms. The committee noted that the application form was based on the criterion form, which is available on the CPC website. Tony will prepare a fillable version for use during upcoming evaluations. Glenn left the meeting.

Draft minutes of the meeting of October 24 were distributed, amended, and approved.

Tony will prepare a letter to Tom Osmer explaining why the fisheries community application for eligibility (FY08-11) was not appropriate for CPA funding (see minutes for 10-10-07).

The draft budget sheet was reviewed; it will be amended to eliminate administrative expense carryover and to include administrative expenses to date in FY 08.

Discussion then turned to the CPA workshop on November 10. Dale noted that state matching funds were certain to be less than 100%, probably between 60% and 70% next year, and that they might fall to 50%. The CP Coalition is lobbying for 75%. Susan noted that powerpoint material from the workshop is available on the Coalition website, and that as a Town committee, the CPC must adhere to the same rules of procedure and expenditure as all other Town committees. She also described ambiguities over the use of CPA funds for historic resource inventories: According to the State DOR, only administrative funds could be used, but according to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, 10 towns have used CPA funds for inventories. The Commission has funds that could be used to match CPA funds for this purpose. Dale noted that applicants for CPA funds should explore alternative funding sources and use CPA allocations to leverage additional funds.

The problem of CPA funding for playground renovation was raised, and Bruce noted that the problem is especially serious for the playground behind Town Hall. Caroline stated that the rules are clear: In order for renovations to qualify for funding, the property in question must have been acquired with CPA funds. Caroline also stated that it is possible for the CPC to approve expenditures for grants (rather than for work actually accomplished) provided that the grantee

makes the public benefits of the grant clear in the application and reports on progress under the terms of the grant; she noted that the grantee may budget funds to support the reporting process.

Several questions were raised about interactions between the Paths along the Roads project (FY08-03) and Mill Pond dredging (FY08-09A and 09B). Bruce noted that some tax dollars may be used for paths on the Edgartown Road, and Caroline noted that dredging may not be allowed as open space preservation. Peter suggested that the CPC contact Kent Healy, the state-appointed agent for dams and ponds, concerning the interpretation of the proposed project.

After further discussion of review procedures, the following schedule was agreed upon:

Nov. 28 – Review Applications FY08 – 01 through 05.

Dec. 5 – Review Applications FY08 – 07 through 10.

Dec. 12 – Review and address questions/issues related to applications

Jan. 9 – Review and prepare for public hearing

Jan. 16 – Public hearing (7:00 pm)

Copies of proposals were distributed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Nevin, Admin. Asst.