

Minutes CPC meeting Nov. 18, 2009

Approved Dec. 9, 2009

Present: Sean Conley, Lesley Eaton, Glenn Hearn, Ginny Jones, Dale Julier, Bruce Keep, Greg Orcutt, Susan Phelps, Peter Rodegast; Tony Nevin, Admin. Asst. Visitors: Ewell Hopkins, Philippe Jordi, Ben Moore, David Vigneault, Bob Wheeler, Peter Yoars

A quorum being present, Dale called the meeting to order at 5:33. The minutes of Oct. 28 were reviewed and approved unanimously with one abstention.

Tony reviewed a draft administrative budget for FY2011. Susan reported interest in a town-wide visioning process that could define town priorities and effectively update the CPC Plan, and suggested that the administrative budget include \$6000 for expenses. It was moved and seconded to approve the draft budget, revised to include \$6000 for "other purchased services." The motion passed unanimously.

An invoice for \$5258 for engineering studies for the WT church was reviewed. Susan moved approval, Ginny seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tony circulated Town Counsel's opinion on the eligibility of the walking path from the WT church to Alley's (FY10-06) for CPA recreation funds. Counsel's opinion was that the project as proposed was not eligible. However, if the path were part of a larger network of connecting paths, it might qualify. Leslie agreed to pursue possibilities and will talk to Richard Knabel, who submitted FY10-06 for the Selectmen.

Peter Yoars and Ben Moore joined the meeting to present the WT church's plans for structural restoration of the foundation; the present request (FY10-07) is for \$331,244 without full basement. The church is exploring alternative bids, and will exclude window replacement and otherwise keep the costs to a minimum. Ginny urged the church to consider a full basement. Peter will provide an updated budget before the next CPC meeting. Peter stated that the church will conduct a capital campaign starting in spring 2011 to cover the difference, up to \$200,000, between the project's cost and CPA funding. Peter and Ben departed.

David Vigneault (DCRHA), Ewell Hopkins (IAHF), Bob Wheeler (IAHF), and Philippe Jordi (IHT) joined the meeting to discuss the status of the rental assistance program and the need for added CPA funds; Susan recused herself as a participating landlord. David reported that funding had been obtained to cover the IAHF portion of the program through January 2010. He also reported that if \$104,000 in CPA funds were available in FY2011, all renters who had been covered by IAHF funds could remain in the program and two additional renters could be added from the waitlist. Ewell stated that IAHF will pursue fundraising for both rental and ownership projects, and Bob Wheeler stated that efforts to establish an island Housing Bank are being renewed. The CPC discussed ways in which an increased request from DCRHA could be presented to the voters most favorably, and David will revise the present request (FY10-02) for \$66,000 up to \$104,000.

Discussion turned to the Bailey Park project (FY10-01). Philippe stated that the delay in issuing an RFP for the project, plus other delays, might preclude readiness for proposal as a warrant article (due Feb. 1 2010) and asked whether the town's Affordable Housing Trust Fund could hold funds until the RFP process was completed. An alternative is to put the proposal to voters at a Special Town Meeting that might be scheduled immediately before the Annual Meeting. Peter proposed that the current request from the Trust Fund for \$100,000 (FY10-03), for unspecified property acquisition, be amended to \$262,400 for the Bailey Park project now requested in FY10-01. Philippe noted that \$120,000 of that sum would go back to the Trust Fund after the land is

acquired by a developer, and suggested that the next CPC meeting address the issue with Habitat for Humanity represented. Glenn will bring the issue to the WTAHC at its next meeting.

Tony reported that no new information was available on the proposed APR on the Fischer Farm (FY10-08), and that it was unlikely to be ready for this funding cycle.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40; the next meeting will be on Dec. 9.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Nevin