

CPC minutes, September 23, 2009

Approved October 7, 2009

Present: Sean Conley, Lesley Eaton, Glenn Hearn, Dale Julier, Bruce Keep, Greg Orcutt, Susan Phelps, Peter Rodegast; Tony Nevin, Admin Asst. Absent: Ginny Jones,

Dale called the meeting to order at 5:33. The minutes of the meeting of August 26 were approved unanimously.

The CPC reviewed an invoice from the WT Church for work performed on the clock and steeple. A review of the relevant warrant article at the April 2009 town meeting, and architect's proposal, made it clear that funding was approved for engineering and architectural studies *preparatory to restoration*. Accordingly, Sean moved to deny payment, Glenn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Tony will communicate the rationale for the denial to the church. Relatedly, the CPC agreed that the role of project liaisons should be strengthened to prevent such problems in the future, and that Tony should keep the CPC chairs fully apprised of his discussions with applicants that might occur between meetings.

The CPC reviewed four invoices from DCRHA for rental assistance funds allocated to qualified renters during July, August, September, and October 2009. Susan moved to approve all four, Dale seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The CPC reviewed an invoice from the MV Museum for work on the inventory of historical resources. Sean moved to approve payment from administrative funds, Susan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with Peter abstaining.

Tony circulated a summary of funds available, and the CPC began consideration of the seven Applications for Eligibility received to date.

FY10-01, Bailey Park project: After extensive discussion of relations of funds requested here with funds already provided by the WTAHC for land acquisition, and the problem of considering this proposal before the WTAHC had issued a Request for Proposals for the project, there was a consensus that the proposal could be eligible for CPA community housing funds after clarification of these and other matters. Representatives of the IAHF and Habitat will be invited to attend a CPC meeting on Oct. 7 to explain their proposal.

FY10-02, rental assistance: This is a continuation of an ongoing and highly successful program. Sean moved that the proposal was eligible for CPA community housing funds, Glenn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FY10-03, WTAHC Trust Fund: After Glenn explained the purposes of the fund, which is specifically eligible as "support" under CPA, Sean moved that the proposal was eligible for CPA community housing funds, Peter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FY10-04, Courthouse windows: Susan moved that the proposal was eligible for CPA historic resource funds, Sean seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FY10-05, Mill Pond preservation: Although the proposal lacked details, the CPC agreed that it could be eligible for funding from open space, historic resources, or recreation reserves. Sean moved that the proposal was eligible for CPA funds, Lesley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FY10-06, town sidewalk: Because CPC funds cannot be used for conventional sidewalks, this project would have to be justified as a recreational project to provide an enjoyable walking path through the town center. Tony will explore this possibility with Stuart Saginor.

FY10-07, Church restoration: On the basis of discussions last year, and the execution of a permanent historic restriction in June 2009, the CPC agreed that a proposal for restoration work at the WT Church on historically qualified items could be eligible for CPA funds but did not vote pending further details.

Susan raised the topic of the Welles property and described the status of ongoing discussions in the town. The CPC agreed that acquisition of the property could qualify for CPA open space funds, and discussed the possibility of collaborative purchase with a conservation organization.

Tony agreed to draft a letter urging support for CPA-related legislation on Beacon Hill.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Nevin  
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