

Community Preservation Committee

Minutes, 12-8-21

Rm 24, Town Hall

Present: Joan Kinniburgh, Chair, Sam Corbitt, Linda Scharf, Sandy Slavin, Treasurer, Barbara Smith, Sherbie Worthen, Clerk

Absent: Jean Connaughton

Guest: Nancy McHale, Wareham Land Trust

Call to Order: Joan Kinniburgh opened meeting at 6:01pm.

Public Hearing: Sandy Slavin made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Sam Corbitt seconded. Seeing no one present, Slavin moved to close the Public Hearing. Corbitt seconded. Vote 6-0-0.

Re-sending Minutes: Meeting Minutes for 6/23, 7/28, 8/11, 9/8 were submitted and stamped at Town Clerk's office but not forwarded for posting on the website. Kinniburgh will re-send Minutes to Matt Underhill for posting.

Financial Review: Bills for advertising Public Hearing have been received. Little League needs to submit a W-9 form for current invoices.

CPA Local Surcharge and State Match: Wareham allocation from the State increased by \$92,000. This year's match is \$475,101.

2021 Update on Open Projects and Web Page Updates: Kinniburgh distributed report showing 18 Open Projects since 2010. Of these, 11 have completed some portion of their project. Swifts Beach is in early tracking stage. Lopes Field Play area is complete. Kinniburgh is in contact with all unfinished project sponsors for updates on their remaining components. She will be discussing a CPA Project Contract with Derek Sullivan.

Tremont Nail: Slavin reported that environmental clean-up is nearly complete. Suggestions were made re. storing Tremont Nail historic signs in a safe place. Erin Kelly, recent visitor to Tremont Nail, will be the next Executive Director of Preservation MASS.

CPC Grant Application Review: Committee members submitted recommendations for improving and clarifying the current Application. Barbara Smith submitted a page of comments including adding Project Address, additional details on Project Name. Other suggestions: add In-Kind funds to the Budget Sheet, more information re. current by-laws and how they might impact proposed project. Linda Scharf recommended, where possible, linking information to the State CPA website. Preservation Restrictions are usually complicated.

Not all proposed projects require a restriction. Nancy McHale stated that the Land Trust had worked on open space restrictions for many years. A year of local preparation followed by a lengthy approval process from the State is not unusual. The challenge is when to require a completed restriction process and how this can vary from project to project.

Slavin made a motion to change current application deadlines to:

- 4th Tuesday in January for Spring Town Meeting in April
- 4th Tuesday in July for Fall Town Meeting in October

Corbitt seconded. **Vote: 6-0-0.**

Decas Steering Committee: Per order of the Select board, a member of CPC will be asked to serve on the Decas Steering Committee. They are seeking individuals knowledgeable in a number of areas, grant writing, financial management, etc. After a brief discussion, members nominated Joan Kinniburgh to the Decas Steering Committee.

2019 Community Preservation Plan: Kinniburgh asked members to review the current on line CPC plan for updates, to be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2022, 6pm, Rm 24, Town Hall.

Adjournment: Slavin moved to adjourn meeting at 7:59 pm, Corbitt seconded. **Vote: 6-0-0**

Respectfully submitted by Sherbie Worthen, Clerk

Sherbie Worthen, Jan. 12, 2022