

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – TOWN HALL - RM 24  
December 14, 2022

**Present:** Sandy Slavin, Co-Chair and Treasurer, David Heard, Co-Chair, Jean Connaughton, Sam Corbitt, Sherbie Worthen, Clerk

**Guests:** Patricia McArdle, McArdle & Associates, P.C.

**Call to Order:** Dave Heard opened meeting at 6:01pm.

**Minutes, November 9, 2022:** Sandy Slavin made motion to approve Minutes. Sam Corbitt seconded. Motion approved. **Vote: 5-0-0**

**West Wareham School** – Presentation by Atty Patricia McArdle, “Schoolhouse Rocks, LLC” McArdle & Associates purchased the school at the Town auction. She requested meeting with CPC for presenting plan and discussing requirements and restrictions. Request is \$68,223.87 from Historic Preservation out of @ \$2.M total to convert the former school into a housing community. Their recently created Facebook page has received lots of positive feedback. The space would be rehabilitated for possibly 5 affordable apartments. Slavin noted that the proposal also addresses CPA’s Affordable Housing component. Building will focus on housing, no commercial or retail space. Funding For Profit proponents is difficult to get through the BoS. Slavin also suggested amending request to \$75,000. The proponents will return to CPC, January 25, 2023 for further housing discussion.

**Oak Grove School** – In process of changing to the Cape Verdean Cultural Center. Oak Grove was being leased by Headstart. Question arose; has the town re-leased the property or will it be sold? Possible proposal will be submitted by the second Tuesday in January deadline.

**Open Projects Update:**

- **Mobility mats** - Buckminster provided update on mats to be installed in Spring, 2023.
- **Bike Path** – No committee. Slavin will check with JC Engineering to see if contract still exists.
- **Affordable Housing Trust** -will be managing Woodland Cove for \$60,000.
- **Minot Forest**- formal map and legend completed and will go on Town website.
- **Swift’s Beach** – Mr. Sullivan does not want chain link fencing, may consider wooden Slats.
- **Dog Park** – In process. Town working to offset costs.

**CPC Funding**- John Foster has decreased amount of available admin. funds from \$72,500 to \$65,143.47. State match decreased from \$530,000 to \$382,000. \$20M in State funding still to be dispersed to CPA.

**Signs** – Heard has prices for 18"x24" signs for \$20-25 but signs need to be larger. The last banner is at Shangri-La playground. Dog Park needs sign/banner on fence. Motion by Slavin to purchase 5 banners @ \$130 from Village Sign, total \$650 from admin funds, seconded by Sam Corbitt. Motion carried. Heard will also get prices for 2'x8' yard signs. Successful applicants are responsible for permanent signs that contain the Wareham CPC logo.

**Community Grant Agreement** – Motion by Corbitt to accept updated version, seconded by Jean Connaughton. **Vote:** 5-0-0

**Patrick Lester's** appointment to CPC will be confirmed at next BoS meeting.

**Next Meeting** – Wednesday, January 11, 2023, Town Hall, Rm. 24, 6pm.

**Adjournment** – 7:19pm by unanimous vote,

*Respectfully submitted by Sherbie Worthen, Clerk*

*Sherbie Worthen, 1/18/23*