

Town of Ayer
Community Preservation Committee

Town Hall * One Main Street * Ayer, MA 01432

Minutes for 8/1/2012 - Approved 9/5/2012

Location: Town Hall, 1st Floor

Members present: Gary Luca (GL) [BOS], Michael Pattenden (MP) [FinCom], Janet Providakes (JP) [Housing], Beth Suedmeyer (BS) [At Large], Jason Mayo (JM) [Parks & Rec.], Jess Gugino (JG) [ConsCom]- Clerk

Not present: Alene Reich (AR) [Historical]- Chair, Mark Fermanian (MF) [Planning Board],
Vacancy [At Large]

APAC taped: NO

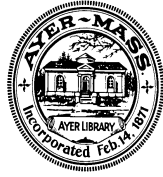
7:07 PM – Open Meeting

• **Meeting Minutes Approval**

- JP moved to accept the meeting minutes for 4/4/12 as written; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved 3-0 (GL, MP, JM abstained)
- JP moved to accept the meeting minutes for 6/6/12 as written; JG 2nd.
 - Motion approved 4-0 (MP, JM abstained)

• **Approval of Expenses – Pleasant Street Pocket Park**

- Lorayne Black, Architect
 - BS questioned whether the bill was for more work than was authorized.
 - GL said these are the final bills as the architect's work is now completed.
 - The architect did put in more than was wanted but Ayer Housing Authority nevertheless got everything they needed.
 - \$2657.50: invoice covering period 1/15/12 – 4/9/12
 - JG moved to approve payment of \$2657.50; JP 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - \$2465.00: invoice covering period 4/10/12 – 5/9/12
 - JP moved to approve payment of \$2465.00; GL 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- Goldsmith, Prest & Ringwall, Inc.
 - For topographical surveys, site design, including handicapped access
 - \$1242.50: invoice # 14474, for services rendered 3/5/12 – 3/17/12
 - BS moved to approve payment of \$1242.50; JP 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
 - \$2685.50: invoice # 14555, for services rendered 3/19/12 – 5/19/12
 - JP moved to approve payment of \$2685.50; BS 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.



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- **Discussion/New Business**
 - Passage of Amendments to the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act
 - Citing the July 2012 passage of amendments to the CPA, BS said now would be the time for the Town to consider submitting a proposal to CPC to redo the playground at Pirone Park.
 - With the new amendments, CPA funds can now be used to maintain recreational areas even if they were not initially purchased with CPA funds.
 - Pirone Park playground currently has a lot of pressure-treated wood contaminated with arsenic, etc.
 - Size of Ayer CPC
 - MP asked to bring up discussion of the size of CPC and whether it was necessary to have a 9-member Committee.
 - MP suggested reducing the size of CPC to 7.
 - In discussion, it was believed that representatives from Housing, Planning Board, Conservation, Historical Commission, and Parks & Recreation were mandatory as per the CPA.
 - It was unclear whether additional members were required.
 - The CPA legislation will have to be checked against the Town Bylaw.
 - To change the current size of CPC would, at minimum, require a Town Meeting vote.
 - To be discussed further.
 - Open Space Purchases
 - MP said he thought CPC should make more effort to buy land.
 - BS said Consultant Jan Goldson had helped CPC adopt a plan in April 2009.
 - CPC is considering bringing her back for additional consultation.
 - BS noted that the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan expired and needs to be recertified.
 - The Town's Comprehensive Plan also needs to be renewed.
- **8:20 PM – Adjourn Meeting**
 - JP moved to adjourn; JM 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.