

Town of Ayer
Community Preservation Committee

Town Hall * One Main Street * Ayer, MA 01432

Minutes for 9/2/2015 - Approved 10/7/2015

Location: Town Hall, 1st Floor

Members present: Janet Providakes (JP) [Housing Authority]- Chair, Barry Schwarzel (BES) [Historical Commission], Richard Durand (RD) [Parks & Recreation], Jess Gugino (JG) [Conservation Commission]- Clerk

Not present: Beth Suedmeyer (BAS) [At Large], Jenn Gibbons (JRG) [Planning Board], Vacancy [At Large]

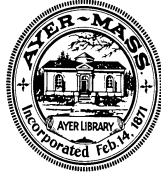
APAC taped: NO

6:08 PM – Open Meeting

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - BES moved to accept the minutes for 8/5/2015 as corrected; RD 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

- **Old Business**
 - There were no new bills or correspondence to review.
 - JP has not received any new updates from the Sandy Pond School Association.
 - BES has heard rumors that work may be starting on the Old Fire House, including removal of the building wing additions.
 - These wings had previously disqualified the building from being eligible for application for CPC historic preservation funds.
 - JP will contact David Maher for more information.
 - JP is still working on finishing the grant agreement for the Fire Department's Photo Restoration Project.
 - RD and BES blanched with horror at this news.

- **Committee Updates**
 - Historical Commission
 - BES will be giving a 45-minute presentation at the Devens Museum on Saturday, October 17, at 1 p.m.
 - He will be speaking about Camp Stevens and the 53rd Regiment of the Mass. Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War period.
 - Housing Authority
 - JP said that the new energy-efficient, easy-clean windows to be installed in Pond Street Senior Housing have now been tested.
 - The windows are being paid for by the State.
 - The State will also be paying for a new generator in one of the Pond Street buildings as well.



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- In addition, the Housing Authority will be coming to CPC at some future date to discuss applying for CPA funding to purchase generators for the Council on Aging and the Pleasant Street School senior housing.
- Parks & Recreation Department
 - RD said that summer activities, including the Town Beach, are winding down for the season and preparations for the fall, including the soccer fields, are looking good.
 - It was noted that the Town Beach lifeguards had responded exceptionally to the recent and tragic drowning at the beach.
- Conservation Commission
 - JG said ConCom has just recently hired a new Conservation Administrator as well as filled its vacancy on the Commission.
- **6:33 PM – Adjourn Meeting**
 - BES moved to adjourn; RD 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
- CPC’s next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 7.