

Dunstable Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Meeting – 29 October 2007 (DRAFT)

CPC Members	Present
Sue Psaledakis – Chair	Yes
George Basbanes - Vice Chair	Yes
Wes Goss – Treasurer	No
Mike Wurm - Clerk	Yes
Leah Basbanes	Yes
Kevin Welch	No
Rob Busser	Yes
Dave Nicholson	No
Joe Dean	Yes

The meeting opened at 6:02PM with the above in attendance. This is a public hearing that is required once a year for the CPC. Discussion began on what we might be able to use the CPC funds for.

Parks – It was noted that the Baseball Fields and Tennis Courts behind the Fire Station have a problem with drainage. As a result they are unusable during early Spring and a few days after heavy rains. Since the town pond is close by it was recommended that we hire a wetlands consultant to evaluate how we might be able to accomplish this without having an impact on the pond and other wetland areas close by. Lea stated that she will look into it and see about getting a wetlands engineer to make an assessment.

Bandstand/Gazebo – It was noted that the Bandstand/Gazebo located on the Town Common was in need of repair and we were wondering if the repairs would be covered by the CPC funds. The Bandstand/Gazebo was built in the 70s and really does not count as an historical structure, and since it is not falling down it really cannot be considered as a restoration. The Parks or Recreation Committees need to take a look at this and possibly put it in their budget.

Affordable Housing – We discussed about having some of the CPC funds used for a consultant to help the town develop a better plan. The CPA has some resources that might help. Sue will look into this.

Water Trough – One of the reasons we are having a special town meeting is to see about allocating some funds from the CPC to pay for repairs, however several other questions came up as to what the town should do to the Trough. Should we just repair it? Should we restore it to what it was designed to be? That would have it be fully functional with fountains for the people, the horses, and the dogs. Should it be moved to where it was originally, so it would have less chance of being hit again? Who should manage the repairs etc. for the Trough, Historical Committee or CPC? With all of these questions still to be answered it was obvious that we would have to take no action on the proposal on the floor of the Special Town Meeting to allocate funds to simply repair the fountain.

The Historical Committee has their meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month and they need to discuss this question then. Sue stated that she will be at their next meeting.

Historical district – There was a request to have funds allocated to pay for the completion of hiring a consultant to finish the documentation required to record the historical parts of Dunstable. This is expected to be about \$1,500. Additional funds of about \$500 would also be required for the photography of the Town Center and Main Street. POC for action?

Preservation of Town Records - The Town Clerk requested that we look into how we would go about preserving the Town Records. It was noted that Groton has already accomplished this and we could follow their model. POC for action?

The Stage Curtain in the Town Hall needs repair or replacement as well. POC for action?

Dana suggested looking at the Union School as a restoration project. POC for action?

I noted that the old school house by the Rose of Sharon could also be a restoration project. POC for action?

Our next meeting will be sometime in January 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Dean