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Minutes CPC Mtg. & Public Hearing March 19, 2013

Present: George Basbanes, Ken Leva, Jim Tully, Judy Larter, Joan Simmons, Susan Psaledakis(Chair)

Public: Peter Georges

Meeting convened at 6:45 pm.

Minutes from June 7, 2012 were approved with corrections.

Brief discussion began regarding funds that were given to Union School for window replacement project. Judy questioned if this would give the Historic commission or the TDHS (Tyngsborough Dunstable Historical Society) any leverage toward having use of the building at some point in the future. She noted that it is currently in full use but she is looking to the future. More discussion with Selectmen is needed on this.

At 7:00 pm the Public Hearing was opened as published by the Chair. The purpose of the Annual Public Hearing is to give the public an opportunity to bring forth any ideas of ways in which they would like to see CPA funds used or to propose projects.

Peter Georges was present as Veteran's Agent to ask what the CPA could do for Veterans. The Chair suggested that the most likely use would be from the Affordable Housing area and perhaps a future project might include wording giving Veterans priority.

Peter also suggested that the Toby House which has been deeded to the town to fund a scholarship program, might instead be rented out to a family. The rent would subsidize the scholarship. Both Ken and Judy felt that the deed had been very specific in its instructions and did not leave room for this option.

With no more public input at this time the committee moved on to discuss changes in the CPA laws this past year. Changes include use of 10% Open Space funds to be used for Recreational uses and allows those projects to take place on lands or parks not purchased with CPA funds. Jimmy questioned whether it also allowed us to create an additional 10% reserve specifically for Recreation. Sue had not interpreted the change to mean this but agreed to check with the CPA Coalition and report back at the next meeting.

Treasurer's report opened up discussion of how much of the projected FY2014 funds should be used to pay down the BANS taken out for purchase of the Best Triangle in June 2012. It was agreed that \$26000 would come from the Open Space Reserve for this purpose. The General (undesignated) Reserve is estimated at \$146,620.88 for FY 2014. After some discussion it was decided that \$46000 out of that would be used for paying down debt. However it was unclear whether that should be used towards the BANS or towards the Principal on Ferrari Farm since that is at a higher interest rate. It was agreed that we would meet again and ask Bonnie Riccardelli (Town Treasurer) and Andy Gould(Town Account) to attend in order to advise us on this.

Meeting has been set for March 25, 2013 at 6 pm. If neither Bonnie nor Andy are available, Jim will report back on their input.

Sue will check on question of Historic Restrictions on Buildings which have used CPA

funds and Judy will check on signage and open space restrictions on projects using CPA funds.

Last it was unanimously voted that we would continue our membership in the CPA Coalition and leave funding for Administration at its current level.

Meeting Adjourned at 8 pm.

Susan Psaledakis

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