

Community Preservation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2015 7:30 pm

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Present: Mike Dempsey, Bob Guptill, Bruce Adams, Michele O'Keefe, Kathy Prunier, Pam Blaquiere  
Andrea Johnson, and Joe D'Amore

Motion to open meeting at 7:32 pm by Kathy, sec by Bob

1. Moment of silence for Dick Sciarca
2. Langley Adams Library Historic Documents proposal presented by Diane Cumming and Elizabeth Burton. Additional materials were passed out. Proposal described to save many historic documents at the library. CPC members asked questions – Will mold be removed and prevented? There is no evidence of mold. What is the next step? Stabilizing and archiving is first then categorization and training. How will it help besides preserving the documents? It will make the historical resources more protected and accessible.
3. Planning for Development of Affordable Housing proposal presented by Bruce Adams. We funded a pro-forma study in 2013. The goal for housing is 10% and we currently only have 3.4%. The original idea was to build rental senior housing but consultant found it was expensive and would require a town match of \$3-4 million. This proposal is for 27 units of family apartments funded by CPA funds, Exclusionary Zoning fund and the remainder covered by rents. Q&A What is interaction necessary from Groveland Housing Authority? It could work but isn't necessary. What is the timeline? Plans would be readied and building start by the end of the year. Funding availability is the key to moving ahead.
4. Groveland Square Study proposal presented by Mike Dempsey. The square has many improvements recently including the roadway, the new bridge, the common and the sidewalks. Parking is a problem however. A parcel is available to purchase but we need to determine its value with an appraisal, update old plans and determine the effect of wetland issues on the property. This proposal to fund all three would only happen if the Selectmen decided to enter into a purchase and sale on the property. It doesn't fund the purchase. The goal is to further enhance business in the square by providing parking and some open space by the river.
5. Reviewed finances to determine the amount of available funds for each of the three categories and the main account. Enough funds are available to fund the proposed projects.
6. Votes on 2015 projects as follows -

Groveland Community Trail acceptance was moved by Bob and seconded by Joe for \$150,000. It passed unanimously.

Washington Park Improvements acceptance was moved by Joe and seconded by Michelle for \$220,000. It passed unanimously.

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Riverview Cemetery Entrance acceptance was moved by Kathy and seconded by Pam for \$75,000. It passed unanimously.

Veasey Park Improvements acceptance was moved by Bruce and seconded by Kathy for \$17,500. It passed unanimously.

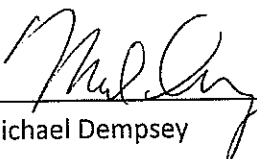
Langley Adams Library Historic Documents acceptance was moved by Bruce and seconded by Bob for \$51,000. It passed unanimously.

Affordable Housing Planning acceptance was moved by Bruce and seconded by Michelle for \$325,000. It passed with 7 yes and 1 abstention (Kathy.)

Groveland Square acceptance was moved by Bob and seconded by Kathy for \$21,000. It passed unanimously.

7. Mike discussed publicity for this year's projects and CPA in general. He is willing to do our newsletter again. We can send it out with tax bills or electric bills perhaps? Bruce motioned to send out our newsletter done by Mike at a cost not to exceed \$2000 sec by Pam. It passed unanimously.  
Mike asked if we should have a presentation meeting – general consensus was no since presentations to committee have been televised.
8. Bruce discussed continued need for consultant to assist affordable housing committee. He moved to hire consultant for additional work for up to \$5000 and sec by Bob. . It passed unanimously.
9. Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pam seconded it. Approved  
Adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm.

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Michael Dempsey

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