

Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of Meeting
November 16, 2011
Hildreth House

Members Present: Charlie Gorss, Deb Ricci, Rhonda Sprague, John Lee, Michelle Catalina, Chris Ready, Deb Thomson
Guests: Wendy Sisson, Paul Willard, Jim Breslauer, Janet Vellante, Pat Jennings, Marie Sobalvarro

The meeting convened at 7:05 pm. Minutes of October 19th were approved as amended.

The Committee listened to and discussed the following grant applications:

- **Conservation Commission Application**
Wendy Sisson presented the grant application for the Conservation Commission. They are seeking \$50,000 for the eradication of invasive species on town conservation land. The recommended mechanism is a combination of herbicide application, heavy machinery and regular mowing. Members questioned whether the work would be subject to bid. Members also asked questions about the negative effects on bird and insect life of herbicide application. Wendy said she would submit additional information on this point for the members' consideration.
- **Town of Harvard Application (Town Clerk Records)**
Janet Vellante presented the grant application of the town. She is seeking \$29,000 for preservation of old town documents. This would be a continuation of the grant approved in the last grant cycle for document preservation. Some of the books are so deteriorated that they have been put in a plastic casing. Documents are stored in the town vault.
- **Congregational Church**
Pat Jennings presented the grant application of the Congregational Church. They are seeking \$2,500 for repair of the pillars at the church entrance. The total cost of repairs is \$6,500. The Historic Commission has approved this application.

John reported that the Park and Rec grant from the last grant cycle has been spent. Michelle reminded members that there is a meeting scheduled for November 18th to discuss the Master Plan facilitated by consultants Brown and Walker.

Deb Ricci recommended that the next meeting be scheduled for December 8th. To accommodate schedules. Presentations will be made then for the Cemetery Commission, the Municipal Building Committee and the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust. Members brainstormed questions for the presenters. For the MBC members queried whether all of the grant activities fell within CPC parameters and what the time table of work would be.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.