

Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of Meeting
May 16, 2012
Hildreth House

Members Present: Deb Ricci, Michelle Catalina, Deb Thomson, Chris Ready, Steve Rowse, John Lee

Guests: Didi Chadran

The meeting convened at 7:30 pm. Members approved the minutes from meetings on April 18th, April 25th and April 28th. Members discussed the fact that two of the CPC recommended articles had not passed at Town Meeting on April 28th. The Congregation Church article authorizing repair of columns was voted down and the Shaker Cemetery article was withdrawn. Steve said that the money from these two articles will revert and Fred will adjust to meet the 10% requirements.

Members discussed the comments of Bruce Leischer at Town Meeting. Bruce believes that Town money should not be spent on grant to private entities or religious institutions. Deb R said that we should develop a policy about privately owned property. Steve suggested an equity principle measuring what the town gains versus what the private entity receives. Deb T will draft a policy re the position of the CPC on these issues.

Members discussed revisiting a 5 year plan for CPC grants. Members questioned what other Boards are doing and whether the CPC should align its plan with others. Steve pointed out that we have recently updated Committee Needs and Goals. John suggested we invite different Boards to come to a CPC meeting and discuss their plans. Deb R will update the current grant application form.

Steve updated members on the status of prior grants. Project Updates are due June 1st. The Committee has not received a report on whether the original \$100,000 grant for Town Hall restoration has been spent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.