

Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of Meeting
September 19, 2012
Hildreth House

Members Present: Deb Ricci, Deb Thomson, Chris Ready, John Lee, Michelle Catalina, Charlie Gorss, Rhonda Sprague, Didi Chadran

The meeting convened at 7:30 pm. Members reviewed and approved the minutes from the July 18th meeting as amended. Michelle and Deb T led a discussion of significant changes in the CPC statute. Among other changes the statute was broadened in terms of eligible grant projects and additional ways to meet state matching funds. Members then discussed whether to do a 1 and 5 year plan for possible Committee grants. After some discussion members agreed that we should receive and review grant applications for the year before developing a plan. Michelle said she would share the visioning information from the town planning process. John suggested that we correlate our visioning with the DrSelectmen's 5 year planning process.

Deb R reminded members that grant applications are due at the end of September. We can review the applications at the October CPC meeting.

Members discussed the need for followup on expenditure reports from prior grants. Many are overdue. The following members will make followup contacts: Deb r will contact Bill Johnson re the Pone Committee grant; Didi will contact Fruitlands re their historic documents grant; Chris will contact Bruce Nickerson re the MAHTF grant. Rhonda reported on Town Hall grant expenditures. Out of a total grant of \$92,420.70 \$7,577.40 has been expended. The Committee does not have a current treasurer but Fred Aponte can do the book keeping involving reconciliation of grants and expenditures. Michelle suggested we have Steve Rowse give members a basic orientation on accounts.

Members discuss the proposed policy statement on grants to private parties. After some discussion members voted not to proceed with the policy statement.

Members elected officers for the coming year as follows: Debbie Ricci Chair; Michelle Vice Chair; Deb Thomson Clerk. Michelle said she would act as treasurer temporarily.

Deb R said she would circulate a redraft of CPC Rules and Regulations. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.