

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (Seekonk)

Meeting minutes - August 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order in the Planning Board Room (Town Hall) by temporary Chair, John Alves at 7:05

Attending: Bill Rice, John Alves, Michael Kreyssig, Dave Pinsonneault, Jim Tusino, Richard Wallace, Susan Waddington

Absent: Ron Bum, Willit Mason

Jan Parker, Town Clerk, swore in those members in attendance and the committee proceeded to organize.

1. Officers: The following were voted in with the proviso that in the future a Treasurer would probably be needed:

Bill Rice - Chair

John Alves - Vice-chair

Susan Waddington - Clerk

2. Schedule and frequency of meetings: The dates below (all Mondays) have been selected pending input from those members not attending this meeting.

August 27, September 21, October 5, October 19.

Once we are organized, the hope is that we can settle on the first Monday of each month.

The Community Preservation Organization provides training for all CPCs and we (clerk) will invite Katherine Roth or Stuart Saginor to come to one of the October meetings.

3. Posting, minutes, etc. The clerk will take minutes and post meetings through the Town Clerk's office. Because we want as much community input as possible, the clerk will also promote the meetings through the Cable 9 bulletin board (Anne Rogers) and the Town Website (Bruce Alexander).

4. Legal matters. We were reminded of the Open Meeting Law and will be receiving copies electronically and also from the Town Clerk. Public records require that minutes be taken of all meetings. We need to find out more

about where minutes get filed and current practices for recording and televising committee meetings. For this group, 5 members make a quorum.

5. Everyone will need to have a copy of the by-law passed at the May 27, 2009 Town Meeting, establishing this committee.

6. Bill Rice expressed his strong desire that most of our communication be done electronically. This seems doable. The Community Preservation Coalition maintains an excellent website: www.communitypreservation.org with information on every aspect of CPA, including what's going on in other communities. The complete text of the Community Preservation Act is available there, along with the text of legislation introduced in the MA legislature to strengthen the CPA.

Finally, by way of introduction, each member of the group described their interest in CPA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk