

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Meeting November 2, 2009

Present: Bill Rice, John Alves, Michael Kreyssig, Willit Mason, Dave Pinonnault, Richard Wallace, Susan Waddington

Absent: Ron Blum, Jim Tusino

The meeting was called to order at 7:05

* Before addressing the agenda, Bill Rice handed out material concerning Green Communities - there will be a warrant article on Green Communities at the November 30 Town Meeting. He also handed out a sheet on Smart Growth.

* Minutes from the September 21 meeting and a note on Action taken during the October 5 training session were adopted unanimously.

* The logo was approved.

* We discussed material to appear on our web site which will be a work in progress. The following items were approved:

Copy of the Seekonk by-law

List of members

Meeting dates

CPC email address

Link to www.communitypreservation.org

It was decided that one initial contact point would be best and will investigate gmail with the possibility of one person moderating incoming mail with the ability to forward it on to committee members.

We will also want a sentence indicating that criteria and forms are being developed and will appear on the web site when available. And perhaps an introduction to the community preservation web site.

* The Committee discussed developing a packet for the Board of Selectmen, but decided that keeping the Board informed through presentations and personal contact would be more effective.

* The Committee noted the dues structure for communities adopting CPA. Our first year is free, but we will want a list of services provided before our first dues become payable.

* Our discussion of the training session evolved into a discussion of next steps.

* It was decided to work as a group on criteria and to begin with criteria for Open Space projects. Our next meeting will focus on this topic - each member should come with ideas culled from community preservation documents, experience, etc.

* We discussed the needed for continual public outreach. John Alves will take the Question and Answer sheet from Lexington covering exemptions, correct it for Seekonk, send it to the Committee for review and then contact the Star & other media to get the word out.

Bill will check with Theo Gabriel, town assessor, concerning the timing and what information will go out with the tax bills.

Next meeting: December 7, 2009. Planning Bd. Room at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington, clerk

