

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – January 24, 2011

Present: Ron Blum, John Alves, Willit Mason, Jim Tusino, Judith Johnson, Susan Waddington, Richard Wallace

Absent: Dave Pinsonneault, Tom Clancy

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Chair, Ron Blum

Minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting were accepted as written.

*Old business:*

1. Update on projects adopted at the Fall Town Meeting: No update on the land purchase since our last meeting. Ron will double check with the Town Administrator. Firms submitting RFPs for the Old Town Hall have been rated and the Historical Commission will make a selection soon.
2. Meeting times were discussed. The Committee voted to meet on the first Monday night of the month when possible – holidays and other meeting conflicts may necessitate changes. For the coming months we will meet February 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2. Please mark your calendars.

*New business:*

1. Stuart Saginor has asked local CPCs to write legislators urging them to sign on as co-sponsors of the resubmitted SB90 An act to sustain Community Preservation. I will prepare a letter for Senator Timilty and Representative Howitt on behalf of the committee.
2. The Chair announced that we have \$135,950.00 remaining in the CPC account, not including any monies that have come in since Town Meeting. He will check with the Finance Director for an update.
3. We have no new applications, but some possibilities exist. No action has been taken on them and they are still in the “thinking about” stage.
  - a. Pierce Property on Lincoln Street. The Land Trust has made some preliminary enquiries.
  - b. Read Estate on Mink St. No response to an inquiry.
  - c. Housing Authority wants to submit an Emergency Repair grant for Seekonk Commons.
  - d. The old barn on Fall River Ave. near Vinny’s Antiques. Not sure of status.
  - e. Arcade Ave. Trail. This would be a continuation of the land purchase this year.
4. There will be a Community Preservation Act Workshop on Saturday, April 2 at Bridgewater State University. Information is on [www.communitypreservation.org](http://www.communitypreservation.org) . John and Susan are planning to go and others are encouraged to do so if they can. Free
5. New business:
  - a. Jim is looking for Eagle Scout projects (about 100 hours/project)
  - b. Willit reported that 40 acres off South Wheaton have received APR approval and will be preserved as agricultural land. An appraisal is in the works. Under APR the State pays \$10,000 an acre and the town has to come up with the rest. Once the appraisal is completed all parties involved will have to work out a deal to pay for the land. Willit is trying to work out a time frame.

Next meeting: February 7, 2010. Place to be determined. Meeting adjourned at 8:10

Susan R. Waddington, clerk

