

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – February 7, 2011

Present: Ron Blum, John Alves, Willit Mason, Tom Clancy, Susan Waddington

Absent: Richard Wallace, Dave Pinsonneault, Jim Tusino, Judy Johnson

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chair, Ron Blum

Minutes of the January 24, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

*Old business:*

1. Update on Arcade Ave. land purchase. The Board of Selectmen voted to sign the Purchase and Sales agreement at their February 3, 2011 meeting. The Chair will follow up on the actual date of closing. The Conservation Commission will own the land while the Seekonk Land Trust will hold the Conservation Restriction.
2. The Historic Commission will present their choice of the firm to do the Old Town Hall study in the near future.
3. The Chair confirmed that the 1.25% tax levy is applied to both residential and commercial properties. As a follow up, John asked Ron to find out the proportion of CPA monies coming from each.

*Old business:*

1. The new deadline for applications (120 days prior to next Town Meeting) has been added to our web site.
2. No new applications have been received. Willit discussed a property now being considered by the State for the APR program. He will continue to update us on this. We decided not to move forward on 2 small previously non-accepted projects unless the sponsor asked to resubmit them.
3. Possible new projects. There has been no activity on any of the 5 projects mentioned in last month's minutes, either because of non-response to our inquiries or because the projects do not seem possible at this time.
4. The Chair reported that after 5 missed consecutive meetings (without due cause?), a member is considered to have vacated his seat on the Committee and will be replaced.
5. Discussion: We discussed the importance of spreading our projects across all facets of the CPA – in this discussion, particularly Affordable Community Housing. A couple of possible locations for retrofitting a building were mentioned. Because the Planning Board is in the process of implementing a Housing Production Plan, it was suggested that Tom Clancy (PB rep on the Committee) talk to that group in hopes of getting a project started.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10. Next meeting March 7 at 7:00 pm – Planning Bd. Room

Susan R. Waddington

Clerk

