

## SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

### Regular Meeting and Annual Public Hearing

July 11, 2011

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ron Blum at 7:04

#### *Old business:*

1. Minutes of the May 2 meeting were unanimously approved by those in attendance at that meeting.
2. Mention was made of the passage of the Warrant Article for the Arcade Woods Trails Planning and Permitting project at the June 20 Town Meeting.

#### *The Public Hearing was opened at 7:04.*

Mr. and Mrs. Rezak were in attendance to ask questions about a possible application. They also suggested that we expand our web site to include information on completed projects and possibly meeting agendas. Among the topics covered:

Questions about the nature of Historic Restrictions

Need for an up to date inventory of historic structures in Seekonk

How firm is our deadline (Answer – it's set to give the Committee time for due diligence and to go back and forth with the applicant if adjustments need to be made)

Value of submitting an early application to give the Committee time for the above.

Importance of an applicant's awareness of other sources for funding. For Historic projects, Willit suggested the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities.

No action was taken and the Rezak's were encouraged to complete an application so that specifics can be discussed.

#### *There being no further discussion the Public Hearing was closed at 7:55.*

#### *New business:*

1. A bill for \$22.05 from East Bay Newspapers to cover our legal notice for the above hearing was approved unanimously.

2. The Habitat for Humanity project has been approved by the Board of Selectmen, pending the Planning Board's obtaining a comprehensive permit for rezoning the building lot from Commercial to Residential. Jim Tusino stated that the Housing Authority would not approve this project. The importance of a Housing Trust to assist in funding Affordable Community Housing was mentioned. Also several other initiatives that may or may not come to fruition.
3. New applications. Because no one was present to support the application for Town Hall document organization and restoration and because of time restrictions, we did not discuss new applications. Jan Parker and Dan Horton will be invited to the August meeting.
4. Annual election of officers. The following officers were unanimously re-elected to their current positions:
  - a. Chair – Ron Blum
  - b. Vice-chair – John Alves
  - c. Clerk – Susan Waddington
5. The Chair will set in motion the procedure for replacing Judy Johnson who asked not to be reappointed to the Committee. He will also check on a replacement from the Planning Board for Tom Clancy and on the status of Bob Richardson, possible appointment from the Department of Parks & Recreation.
6. Other new business:
  - a. The Land Trust has received 3 bids for the Planning and Permitting project for the Arcade Ave. Trail. Willit will bring the bids to our next meeting and the preferred bid will be taken to a BOS meeting for approval.
  - b. Susan has volunteered to check with Bruce Alexander on the possibility of learning how to update our section of the Town web site.

Our next meeting will be held August 11 at 7:00 p.m. Room to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk