

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – March 4, 2013

Present: John Alves, Neal Abelson, Dave Norton, Richard Wallace, Priscilla Dunn, Willit Mason, Susan Waddington

Absent: Jason Adamonis, Housing Committee (vacancy)

Public: Lee Dunn

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 in the Town Hall meeting room by Chair, John Alves
Minutes of the January 14, 2013 were approved as written with the following change under *Old Town Hall*.

Committee member updates:

We welcomed Dave Norton from the Historical Commission.

Jim Tusino from the Housing Authority contacted John Alves to say he was trying to get someone interested.

Old Town Hall update:

- 1 There is still a balance of \$30,000 from the original \$40,000 voted for planning. There is still work to be done in this area. A lease is being drawn up for the Historical Commission to review.
2. Although April 2012 minutes are clear on this issue, the June 2012 warrant article did not mention the roof and gutters. We had a discussion of the necessity of making sure that warrant articles stated exactly what we meant. In the meantime, Dave has been charged with going back to the Historical Commission to find out exactly what Phase 2 of the Old Town Hall project consists of.

Discussion of Affordable Housing Trust, Conservation Trust: I forgot to bring information on the former sent by Stuart Saginor of the Community Preservation Coalition. It is attached to the cover letter for these minutes. Willit indicated that there were better ways to secure funds for Conservation/Open Space projects. We could also set aside money from our Committee, but that might be a long term project.

Update on current projects (in addition to Old Town Hall):

1. Habitat for Humanity has a sign up on the Gude St. property and shortly will be advertising for a family.

2. King Information Systems has begun working on the Documents project.
3. Arcade Trails project is waiting for word on a grant.

New projects:

1. Cuddigan property (Open space).- The property appraisal is complete and the family should receive it within a week. There's a possibility that we will be able to have a warrant article for this APR project. Willit moved and committee members in attendance unanimously voted to extend the due date for an application for this project should the Seekonk Land Trust be able to complete one in time for the June Town Meeting. John will see the Town Administrator to get a place marker should this project be ready in time.

Committee round table: No comments

Public comment: Lee Dunn and Priscilla Dunn continued a discussion concerning the Community Gardens adjacent to Seekonk Commons where there is a constant dispute over the amount of water used by gardeners. Lee wanted to know if our Committee could provide a water source. This is not an allowable use of CPA funds. Although the location is ideal for Seekonk Commons residents, it appears that another location may be the only solution.

Next meeting date: April 22, 2013 7:30. Place to be confirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk