

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – January 9, 2017

Present: John Alves, David Sullivan, Jr., Dave Norton, Jim Tusino, Susan Waddington.
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Absent: Priscilla Dunn, Richard Wallace, Parks & Recreation

The meeting was called to order by Chair, John Alves at 7:30 in the Town Hall large meeting room.

Minutes of the November 2016 meeting were approved as written by those attending that meeting.

Review of the Town Meeting acceptance of two CPC warrant articles: Purchase of the Benson Property off Read St. and Funding for preservation of the roofs at Seekonk Commons. The Benson property is now in the hands of lawyers drawing up the final plans. It was suggested that we be more meticulous in describing the location of properties. The grant for the Housing Authority has been signed. It was also suggested that , especially for land acquisitions, we supply a handout indicating why the proposal is important to residents.

Arcade Ave. Trail Project: The project is now complete with cooperation from the Land Trust and many Town departments and committees. On December 28, Channel 9 featured the trail in a program initiated by Jennifer Miller, emphasizing that it is now available to Seekonk residents and provides a link from the Y to Turner Reservoir and ultimately beyond. There was a discussion of warning signs to protect pedestrians from speeding traffic on Arcade Ave. John will draft a letter to the Department of Public Works requesting a warning sign and that No Passing and Crosswalk marking be added to Arcade Ave.

No new applications

Establishment of potential CPC subcommittees: The Chair brought this up as something we should consider, even though there are representatives mandated from each of the CPC areas: Open space, historic, Affordable community housing, Conservation and Recreation. The discussion will be continued at future meetings.

Massachusetts 21 E. This is the Massachusetts Oil and Hazardous Material Release Prevention Act. The Selectmen have shown concern as to whether we are doing due diligence in this area. The matter was discussed and will be continued at a future meeting.

No guests so there was no Community Speaks.

Next Meeting: March 6. Room TBA

Adjournment: 8:11

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk