

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes - December 4, 2017

Present: Dave Sullivan, Willit Mason, Jim Tusino, Priscilla Dunn, John Alves, Susan Waddington

Absent: Dave Norton, Richard Wallace

Guest: Doug Crandall, May Grant

The meeting was called to order in the Town Hall Kitchen at 7:01 by Chair, John Alves.

Minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved by those present at that meeting.

New applications: Doug Crandall was there to discuss the feasibility of obtaining CPC money for his property on the corners of Hammond and Chestnut St. The property has been approved for 7 lots, some of which have been flagged for wetlands. Because of wetlands concerns, there is a question of how suitable the land would be for development. Mr. Crandall would like the entire property conserved and Parks and Recreation has expressed some interest in using part of the land for its purposes. There is the possibility of both active and passive recreational use. John Alves explained the process of a CPC application which would be necessary for the Committee to pursue the matter at a Town Meeting. CPC would also have to conduct an independent appraisal of the property. The matter was left that Mr. Crandall could pursue this matter through the Conservation Commission, the Seekonk Land Trust or as an individual.

May Grant was there to get information on the Dye Works land off Maple Ave. and to learn what agencies are involved. She was told that the EPA and the Town appointed Dye works Committee were working together to investigate this matter and make an assessment. It was suggested that she contact John Aubin, Town Planner, and Jennifer Miller, Conservation agent for up to date information. One of the questions that must be decided is who would wind up owning the land.

The Committee can expect an application from the Seekonk Land Trust for part of the DaSilva property off Read St. and adjacent to the Benson property. The application will be for two pieces of the property (the third is unsuitable) comprising six plus acres with 10 foot wide vehicle and utility easements off of Pine St. The land is uplands, similar to those found on the Benson property. Jim Tusino suggested a 21E evaluation.

An appraisal is being done on a Pray Farm parcel to make it eligible for an APR. This parcel is at the corner of County St. and North Wheaton.

There was no financial report as the Town Finance Direction was not available to give it. The Town did receive \$53,000 from the State.

Member comments: Priscilla brought up the need for water at the Community Garden since now gardeners must haul in their own and that is discouraging to many would be use the facility. This apparently is a Parks and Recreation responsibility and it was suggested that a grant be found for a meter on Chappell St. Jim reported that the siding and roofing for the Seekonk Commons is nearly underway.

The Benson property has been closed on.

Next meeting: Monday, February 12. Town Hall room to be decided.

The meeting was adjourned at