

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – June 12, 2017

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

Absent: Richard Wallace, Parks and Recreation

The meeting was took place in the Town Hall kitchen and was called to order by Chair, John Alves, at 7:03

Minutes of May 8, 2017 were approved with corrections

There were no new applications

Letter from the State Ethics Commission regarding a possible conflict of interest by John Alves.

Following a discussion of the issue in a Board of Selectman's meeting, John filed a complaint against himself with the Ethics Commission regarding this issue. The response indicated that the Commission was not pursuing the matter at this time. Guidelines for the committee to follow in future cases of possible conflict were included in a private letter to John. There were no further comments from Committee members.

At the June 17, 2017 Town Meeting, the application from the Police and Fire Departments to have their documents organized and archived was unanimously approved.(?)

At 7:29 the meeting was adjourned so the committee could hold its annual public hearing
There were no guests and no discussion. The Hearing was adjourned at 7:33.

John, Susan and Priscilla manned our table at the Seekonk Meadows summer opening, providing information and a general awareness of the Committee.

Committee member comments:

Need for presence of a member from the Conservation Committee and Parks and Recreation. Dave Sullivan suggested we go through the Board of Selection although those agencies are required by law to have a member on the CPC.

John discussed the Open Space Parks and Recreation Committee public hearing which had no attendees. Ways of getting the word out to Seekonk residents in a more effective way were discussed. No action was taken.

John read the figures given concerning CPC funds. The Committee asked him to verify the amounts with the Finance Director. Numbers are given are:

147,411 Historic
10,400 Open space
911 Affordable community housing

657,085.76 Unrestricted

Jim reported that the additional funds needed to finance the Seekonk Commons roof repairs had been received. And that work on family housing could begin soon.

The old town library on Fall River Avenue is for sale as is the original fire station at 83 County St. It was suggested that they be used for Historical purposes.

DPW will provide signage for the Arcade Woods Trail indicating near the end that a very busy highway is ahead.

Next meeting date: To be determined. John will coordinate with Parks and Recreation and the Conservation Committee in an effort to get representatives at our meetings from each of those groups.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42

Respectfully submitted

Susan Waddington, clerk