

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – November 16, 2011

Present: Ron Blum, John Alves, Sandy Foulkes, Willit Mason, Susan Waddington,

Absent: Richard Wallace, Jim Tusino

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ron Blum at 7:10

Old business:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

New business:

1. Review of warrant articles: John asked that the 26% distribution from the State be mentioned in any Committee report given under Article 1. He also asked for an update on the article currently under consideration by the state legislature raising the distribution percentages. Ron agreed to follow up on both.

Article 2 – no comments

Article 17 – if Article 16 fails, 17 will have to be pulled on the floor.

Article 18 – Emphasize how our money will be used to leverage over twice as much from the State.

The Newman Ave. article was removed from the Warrant last week after the seller refused our offer. Kelley Whitmore and Willit will continue to monitor the situation.

2. Presentations:

Article 2 – Jan Parker, Ron

Article 17 – John Hansen, Habitat for Humanity personnel, CPC members as back-up if needed.

Article 18 – Willit Mason with Kelley Whitmore and Chris Chisholm from the APR program as back-up.

The articles have been reviewed by the BOS, Finance Committee and Capital

Improvement Committee. Ron also met with the Moderator and Town Administrator.

3. Talent Bank applications: We had two - Eleanora Rezak and Eli Mello. The committee liked both, but felt that we knew Mrs. Rezak quite well, but knew nothing about Mr. Mello so he would be invited to our next meeting, November 28.
4. Project signage update: Richard Wallace was not present so this was deferred.
5. New business:
 - a. Ron presented a bill for the appraisal of the lot at 524 Newman Ave. in the amount of \$3600.00 Of this, \$900.00 had already been paid by the Seekonk Land Trust and the remaining \$2700.00 was owed to Foster Co. The Committee unanimously voted to pay this bill out of our Administrative funds.
 - b. Tape recorder – Ron has not purchased yet.
 - c. Ron will clarify the status of Bob Richardson as member from the Dept. of Parks and Recreation.
 - d. Sandy reported that a member of the CIC had indicated we should work under them. The Committee felt that we should keep the CIC informed of any projects that might be related to CIC projects, but our mandate is as a separate entity. Ron will talk to Lauren about this.
 - e. Kelley Whitmore will prepare a handout for Article 18 and Ron will put something together for the other two articles.

Our next meetings will be November 28 prior to Town Meeting and December 12 at 7:00
The meeting was adjourned at 8:26.

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk
Seekonk Community Preservation Committee