

SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – March 7, 2011

Present: Ron Blum, John Alves, Richard Wallace, Willit Mason, Tom Clancy, Susan Waddington

Absent: Judy Johnson, Jim Tusino, Dave Pinsonneault

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 by vice-chair, John Alves, while the chair attended a zoning board hearing.

Old business:

1. Minutes of the February 7, 2011 meeting were unanimously accepted.
2. Title for the Arcade Avenue land has passed to the Town. Willit will give appropriate bills to Ron who will submit them to the Finance Director so that the Land Trust can be reimbursed for the appraisal done prior to submission of the warrant article. This reimbursement was unanimously voted for at our December 13, 2011 meeting.
3. The contract for the RFP for the Old Town Hall was discussed. Richard emphasized that we need to be sure that what an RFP application says is exactly what the Committee asked for.

New business:

1. Ron presented the warrant article for our budget to be voted on by the Town at the June Town Meeting. Because we were unable to agree on a distribution of the available funds it was agreed that we would give the matter some thought and come back for a vote in April.
2. Willit presented an application for Trail Planning and Permitting for the Arcade Woods property. The requested amount is for up to \$16,000. This application is made under the Recreation category. We discussed the merits of the application and whether a request from the Conservation Commission is necessary. (Richard Wallace will look at the deed and check). The current application included funds for coming years and the Committee requested that the applicant (Kelley Whitmore) modify the application to indicate the need for actual construction funds in the

narrative of the application, rather than with the current budget. We discussed the possibility of any late applications, but lacking any information thought it unlikely that a last minute project would emerge.

3. The Committee voted unanimous approval of the Arcade Woods & Trails: Trail Planning and Permitting project pending a modified application and approval from the Conservation Commission. The Chair will get a warrant article underway for this.
4. John presented a letter sent to Mrs. Robin Thomas, a Maryland resident, who owns 2 lots at the end of his street. These lots are currently vacant and adjoin the Mararian property owned by the Conservation Commission. The letter was just an inquiry as to whether Mrs. Thomas might be willing to sell the lots. No answer at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting: April 4 (Election night!) at 7:30 (note time change) in the Planning Board Room.

Susan R. Waddington, Clerk