

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes November 4, 2013

Present: John Alves, Richard Wallace, Priscilla Dunn, Neal Abelson, Willet Mason, Susan Waddington

Absent: Dave Norton, Jason Adamonis

Guests: Jim Tusino (Seekonk Housing Authority), John Zambarano (Attleboro Housing Authority)

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Chair, John Alves

Minutes of the September 16, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved by those members present at that meeting.

Report progress of existing projects:

The APR for the Cuddigan property was signed on October 2, 2013 – the survey still needs to be completed before it can be recorded.

Plan for the Arcade Trails went before the Conservation Commission and the plan was approved. The Y part of the Trail is in process. Nothing further will happen before summer 2014. The first phase is funded, but it will be necessary to secure funding for the next phase.

The Attleboro Housing Authority presented a new project for the rehabilitation of the exterior of Seekonk Commons, a 72 unit housing project for the elderly and disabled, primarily serving Seekonk residents, current and former. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$775,000.00, with \$250,000.00 requested from CPA funds and the balance to come from other sources named in the application. Some of the remainder has already been secured. The project goes beyond routine maintenance and will include replacement or upgrades to windows, siding, fascias, soffits and downspouts. Work on the windows will need to address egress issues. Jim and Richard will set up a walk through in the near future and others are welcome to come along. This application will be discussed at our January 6 meeting.

Potential new applications (Willet)

1. Turner property. The land owner is interested in exploring conservation options for 36 acres. The Land Trust requests administrative funds for a survey. The area comprises good habitat and would fit in with the Town Master Plan which says that the rural character of the town should be preserved. The Seekonk Land Trust is requesting \$4300.00 in Administrative Funds for a property appraisal and a concept plan needed for the appraisal. It was moved by Susan, seconded by Neal and approved by the Committee to grant the Funds requested.

2. Lagerquist property. This was a general discussion of possible configurations of the property. The Seekonk Land Trust is requesting \$4300.00 in Administrative Funds for a property appraisal and a concept plan needed for the appraisal. It was moved by Richard and seconded by Neal and approved by the Committee that we go forward with this request also.

Finance Director, Bruce Alexander, returned the unused portion of funds previously voted, but unused for the Old Town Hall project to the Committee's funds.

Around the Table. No comments.

Public input: No members of the public present.

Our next meeting will take place January 6, 2013. Place to be confirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington

Clerk