

## SEEKONK COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Minutes – March 6, 2017

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

*Absent:* Richard Wallace, Parks & Recreation

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Chair, John Alves

*Minutes* of the January 9, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

*Discussion of* Massachusetts 21E, a state law covering hazardous waste. It covers such items as history of the land, who owns it and for how long. After discussion there was agreement that the decision on whether a 21E appraisal is needed for land under consideration for a CPA application should be made by Jennifer Miller (Seekonk Conservation Agent, and Stephen Sloan, Land Trust consultant, reporting to the Board of Selectmen, if necessary. The cost of such appraisal can be covered by CPA Administrative Funds.

*New applications* – None

*Potential CPC sub committees:* The Committee decided that making up sub-committees at this time would not be helpful, but went on to discuss ways of involving the Committee more directly with the Town. Suggestions:

Have a CPC member talk to applicable boards about suitable types of applications to increase awareness of the CPA scope.

Use time on Channel 9 to publicize our successful applications and make the general public more aware of CPA guidelines.

Try to get additional organizations and individuals involved in CPA projects.

*Committee members comments:*

Jim Tusino – Using a capital improvement grant, he feels he can leverage the \$150,000 from the warrant article passed on November 28, 2016 (renovation of the Seekonk Commons roof) to \$550,000 to be used only for Seekonk Commons.

Willit: The Arcade Ave. Trail is now complete. DPW will do signs and safety enhancements for the area that the Trail comes out onto Arcade Ave. There is still \$10,00 available for necessary finishing touches. An opening festivity is planned for May 13.

Open Space and Recreation Plan working group. Willit, Dave Sullillvan and Susan are members of this group formed to finish the Open Space and Recreation part of Seekonk's master plan. Other stakeholders include the Seekonk Land Trust, the Planning Board, the Conservation Committee and the Parks and Recreation Department.

*Next meeting:* May 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. Room TBA

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan R. Waddington  
Clerk, Seekonk CPC