

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

AUGUST 29, 2012

Present: Angela Dunham, Chair, George Barrett, Donald Hall, Nancy Miller, Sandy Slavin, Sherbie Worthen

Guests:

British Landing: Carol Andersen, Russell Yule, manager, Arlene Fidalgo, Joe Alberg, Laura Ferreira, Paul Coffey, Rudy Santos, Rose Flynn, Clare Onorato

Community Pathway: Michael Langford, David Smith, Eileen Allgor

Call to Order: Angela Dunham called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

Chimney at British Landing: A group of residents from British Landing presented their concerns about the large chimney attached to the former power house, probably built in mid 19th century, that is in need of repairs. Loose bricks are becoming a hazard. Need to decide course of action and research financial support. CPC will require a history of the chimney which can be obtained from various sources including the Wareham Library, Assessors Office, Plymouth County Registry of Deeds.

Possible repairs could range from \$100,000 to \$226,000. Nancy Miller noted that repairs would need to be made by a company qualified to work with similar historic structures. In addition to possible CPC historic preservation funding which will require a restriction the chimney may be eligible for state funding and federal funding if it qualifies for the National Register. CPC recommends either matched funding from British Landing residents and/or additional grants.

Carol Andersen, trustee, agreed to write a proposal based on CPC guidelines and submit all necessary information by the December 4th deadline to qualify for Spring 2013 Town Meeting. If there is a Special Town Meeting funds could be available immediately, otherwise the date would be July, 2013.

Community Pathway Update: Michael Langford reviewed the committee's efforts over the past two years to create a bike and pedestrian pathway through Wareham that will connect with Marion and Buzzards Bay. The feasibility study was relevant except for use of the inactive rail lines that were found not to be owned by the state. And it appears that commuter rail will become a reality.

David Smith feels that the town needs to know that the pathway is moving forward. There are problems with consensus around use of County Road which meanders through Wareham, Marion and Rochester. Other issues include cranberry bog pesticides and liabilities. Currently one of the more promising areas is Merchants Way starting at Tremont Nail and continuing through town. The Pathway committee

will be meeting with local merchants who own sections of property along the proposed bike path. It will then continue on Minot Ave, through Onset and connect with Bourne over the new Bridge in Buzzards Bay.

Because the Pathway Project has gone beyond 2 years it is important that CPC receive six month updates. Dunham recommended a meeting with the Wareham Land Trust to explore pathway development on any of their lands. Langford noted the average time to complete a community bike path/pathway is 15 years.

Minutes, July 11, 2012: Motion made by George Barrett to accept the July 11, 2012 minutes, seconded by Sandy Slavin. Vote 6-0-0.

Minutes, August 15, 2012: Corrections noted in financial report, Historic Preservation reserves should be \$63,200; Affordable Housing reserves, \$442,000. Change FY'13 'funds' to 'estimate'. Slavin moved to accept minutes as modified, Hall seconded. Vote 5-0-1

Financial Report: Invoice for Sue Sheppard for \$825 needs approval. Town Hall Painting/Restoration change order for \$3,475, was for repairs of exterior concrete base of columns. Still working to reconcile revenue with accountant.

Town Hall Roof : Mark Gifford wants clearance from S.G. &H that the slate work is finished and that no loose slate will fall on new rubber roof.

Old Town Hall: Dunham moved to re-open the committee vote on the Article for painting and repairs to Old Town Hall. There were suggestions to adjust the number from \$80,000 to \$20,000. A better number might be \$50,000 to include cost of historic preservation restriction. The number can be lowered on the floor of Town Meeting. Slavin moved to modify the grant for preservation and restoration at Old Town Hall to \$50,000, Worthen seconded. Vote 5-1-0

Dunham said that all previously discussed requirements must be completed. Mark Gifford needs to apply to the Historic District for a *certificate of appropriateness*. This would allow replacing the cupola to be included in the proposal; there needs to be an updated lead report. George Barrett agreed to pursue this. Dunham will ask Mr. Gifford to speak to the project at Town Meeting.

Fall Town Meeting Articles are due September 7, 2012.

Next Meeting, September 12, 2012

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 9:10pm

Respectfully submitted by Sherbie Worthen, clerk, Community Preservation Committee

Sherbie Worthen, 9/27/12

