

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

July 30, 2014

Present: Angela Dunham, Chair, George Barrett, Joe Leggett, Nancy Miller, Sandy Slavin, Sherbie Worthen

Absent: Bill Lockwood

Guests: John Browning, Wareham Land Trust

Call to Order: Angela Dunham called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

Project Updates:

Tweedy and Barnes Extension: John Browning reviewed the proposal to extend the Tweedy Barnes property to include the Central Corridor of an old railroad bed plus space for parking and signage. Grant request submitted to State Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) for \$72,500 potentially reducing request to CPC to \$80,500. EOEEA final decision late October. Committee requests hazardous materials inspection, copy of purchase and sale agreement and tax rate loss. Conservation Commission will hold the CR. CPC will add \$5,000 from admin fund to cover cost of CR, to be returned if not needed. Sandy Slavin moved to accept the Wareham Land Trust grant request for \$158,000 to expand the Tweedy Barnes

Reserve. Nancy Miller seconded. Vote: 6-0-0.

Wareham Housing Authority Conversion of Office to Senior Housing:

Community Preservation Coalition has stated housing conversion is acceptable but not re-location and extension of WHA office. Based on new information, Slavin moved to rescind 6/23/14 vote approving application. Miller seconded. Vote: 6-0-0

American Legion: Tabled pending further information.

Playground Rehabilitation Fund: CP Coalition recommends using the \$75,000 funding for Assessment priority. Tabled for Slavin's re-worded proposal.

Agawam Mill Pond: CP Coalition says community preservation can include water protection. Proposal tabled until new information re. ownership and aquatic nuisance is available from Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Onset Boat Ramp: Paperwork never submitted by Garry Buckminster. Dunham will discuss with Atty. Bowen. Need ownership and budget information. Proposal tabled.

Methodist Meeting House: Joe Leggett distributed dvds of the Wareham Historical Society Survey. Request from WHA for \$98,000 to restore and preserve Meeting House per survey requirements. Discussion re. appropriateness of WHA requesting funds for new project before completion of Fearing Tavern restoration. Dunham will check with Kathy Roth at the Coalition. Also insurance costs are still unavailable.

Tremont Nail/Bryant Farm Debt Payment: Slavin reported on discussion with Treasurer John Foster that a partial bond payment of \$627,775 would improve Wareham's bond rating and lower interest rates. Miller moved to pay the debt, George Barrett seconded. Funds will probably come from unallocated fund balance. Vote 6-0-0.

Parker Mills Dam: off the table until ownership established

Financial Report:

Because of increased state and town cpc funding, Slavin will increase the three set-asides from unallocated funds from \$75,400 to \$101,441. Final numbers available at next meeting. Article to be submitted at Fall Town Meeting.