

335 Main Street Committee
Meeting Minutes 2/1/06
Library 5:30

Attending: LaChapelle, Peters

Guests: Peterson, Hall

Community Members: LeBow, Grant, Shantz, Freedman, Suggs, Frawley.

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Rex Peterson was asked to review briefly the history of effort spent on the 335 Main Street property, beginning with the first committee and it's report, through the second round with the Cecil Group and including the Grant from Mass Housing Partnership for a Planning/Feasibility Study for development. There will be a Briefing Session held on Feb 15, 2006 @ Town Hall for all Interested Consultants before submitting Proposals on March 7, 2006. A Consultant will be selected by Alice Boyd and Rex Peterson.

Peter Hall, Chair of The Community Preservation Committee reviewed the History and present status of the Community Preservation Act and the funds Available. He pointed out that combing categories such as Historical, Open Space and Affordable Housing would be of great interest to the Committee. He also described the detail and development level required for a funding application. He informed the group that there will be an open meeting of the Committee on March 15. (time & location will be checked)

There was an open discussion with the new guests as to their thoughts and preferences for the Site was lead by Marla Freedman. Marla expressed ideas Such as creating a Center for the Arts similar to the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, or a development similar to ones built by Community Housing Resources, Inc. which could include housing and studio spaces with some exhibition space. Another thought was to develop the site in stages rather than the whole project under going development at the same time this might be easier to fund on an incremental basis. A strong interest was expressed that the Town retain control and keep an active role in the development of this site. In general ideas were flowing and accepted with the temper of reality and lots-of room for a give and take on principles. All attending agreed that when the consultants are chosen we will be interested to hear their suggestions and work with realistic possibilities.

For the present Ellen Lebow and Lize Grant together with others thought it would be an excellent idea to organize more community events for the open space park to the rear of the former sanctuary. It was thought that the Town would enjoy more focus on this area and that needn't interfere with the process of the Ready Resource Grant for the time being.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm
Submitted by Elaine LaChapelle