

WEST BOYLSTON
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Members present: Pat Halpin, Pat Crowley, George Bernardin, and Bev Goodale. Members absent were Joan Welsh and Chris Rucho.

Meeting called to order 7:10 PM.

The minutes of November 9, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Chairman Pat Crowley received a letter from Louise Howland, director of the Beaman Memorial Library. She asked, that should bids for their approved CPA project come in lower than expected, could those funds be used to do the finish painting for the project. On a motion from George, seconded by Pat Halpin, the motion was approved.

Chairman Pat Crowley informed the committee that the request to repair the roof at Orchard Knolls is not a viable project for a CPA grant.

The CPC has received an application from the West Boylston Parks Facility Committee. The project involves replacing the existing tennis and basketball courts. The project is estimated to cost \$667,162.00. There is currently \$568,000.00 available, using both open space and recreation funds. The project would also use all of the designated general fund revenue through FY 2011 which runs through June 30, 2011. A period of discussion followed on whether to do the project all at once or in sections. No decisions will be made until the CPC meets with the Landscape Architects, Warner Larson, for a full presentation of the project.

Private funding is being sought to help defray some of the cost. George and Bev both had reservations about taking all of the available monies for one project.

George Bernardin informed the committee of a possible Open Space Project that might be coming forward for consideration. There is a strong possibility that 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres above the town wells on Lee Street may be available for purchase. George has met with Colin Novick, Director of the Greater Worcester Land Trust and Jim and Diana Kent, owners of the property. They are interested in selling the land. Currently an appraisal of the property is being arranged. Other funding would be necessary to make this project feasible as well.

The CPC committee is interested in both projects. The Committee will meet again on March 23, 2010. Hopefully, a date can be arranged to meet with Warner Larson and the appraisal of the Lee Street property will be done so that we may more carefully evaluate each project. At that time we should also have a better idea of how much outside funding might be available.

The Committee talked about possible signage for finished projects so that townspeople will know that CPA funds supported approved projects. No final decisions were made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Our next meeting will be on March 23, 2010 at 7:00 PM at town hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Goodale