

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 22, 2009

PRESENT: Curtis Sears, Tom Roche, Ed Blackman, Tom Kelley, Gloria Smith

ABSENT: Jim Carroll, Gary Ellis, Jack Mulkeen, Mary Ann Walsh

STAFF: Colleen McLaughlin

LOCATION: Room A, Town Offices, 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA

Chairman Sears opened the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting at 3:03 pm.

Administrative Business:

Yarmouth Housing Authority: Donna Killeen, YHA Director, asked for the CPC's support for the Housing Authority's Article 47. This article seeks to include age-inclusive housing on the Forest Road site in addition to elderly housing. The exact number of units and the site's layout will not be determined until a market study has been completed. Mr. Roche moved to support the request of the YHA to support multi-generational housing; Ms. Smith seconded. Vote: 4-0-1 (Mr. Blackman abstained.)

1750 House Landscaping Plan: Brad Hall from Conservation and Rick deMello from Engineering presented the updated plans for this site. Changes to the boardwalk, paths, and parking were reviewed. Mr. Hall explained that the site no longer calls for an area for kayaks to be put into the water; it has been determined that this area is not suited to that purpose. The emphasis now is on using the site as a viewing area. Lighting plans and handicapped accessibility were also discussed. Ms. Smith asked Mr. Hall about the plants to be used. Mr. Hall stated that native species will be used in the zones in which they naturally occur (from upland species to marsh species). Interpretive signs will also be installed.

Correspondence: The members reviewed a memo from Robert Lawton regarding the Board of Selectmen's recommendation of all of the CPA articles except Article 25 (New Church).

Approval of Minutes: The members reviewed the draft minutes from the March 25, 2009, meeting and made two changes. Mr. Roche moved to approve as amended; Ms. Smith seconded. Vote: 4-0-1 (Mr. Blackman abstained due to his absence from that meeting.)

Committee Business:

Agricultural Commission – Community Gardens: William Snowden, Chairman, and John Holbrook, Member, represented the Agricultural Commission. Mr. Snowden presented the CPC members with the layout for the new garden plots; there will be 25 10' x 20' plots. The members asked about the handicapped-accessibility at the site. After much discussion, it was determined that 5 plots near the parking area will be made handicapped-accessible. Mr. Snowden was concerned that this additional requirement might not be covered by the amount of funding requested. Mr. Sears reminded Mr. Snowden that the money request had already been printed in the warrant booklet and could not be increased. Mr. Holbrook stated that he will ensure that a proper pathway to these plots is installed and will work to keep it within the budget provided by the CPC. Mr. Sears mentioned that the plots at Forest Road are not high enough for gardeners using wheelchairs. Mr. Snowden and Mr. Holbrook said that they would add timbers to raise these beds high enough.

Mr. Snowden updated the members regarding the deer fencing at the Forest Road gardens. The fencing has arrived and will be installed this week. Installation had been delayed by rain.

Chairman Sears then summarized what had been discussed: 1) Deer fencing at the Forest Road site will be completed this week. 2) Handicapped access will be included. 3) The plot plan is acceptable. 4) The Agricultural Commission has fulfilled the CPC's requests; the article will go forward at the Annual Town Meeting.

Town Meeting: Karen Greene is drafting the explanations for the CPC articles. She will arrange to meet with the members prior to ATM to review.

Gardiner Tile: Because Mr. Mulkeen, who had been scheduled to update the members on this matter, was absent, this item was postponed to a future meeting.

Adjourn: As there was no further business, Mr. Roche moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm. Mr. Blackman seconded. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen McLaughlin

Mary Ann Walsh, Clerk