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TOWN OF YARMOUTH
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 26, 2016

PRESENT: Gary Ellis, Mary Ann Walsh, Thomas Kelley, Tom Durkin, Tom Roche, Nathan Small, Beverly Bachand, Heather McElroy, Dorcas McGurrin

GUESTS: None

STAFF: Jennifer Copeland

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

YARMOUTH TOWN CLERK

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CONVENE: Chairman Ellis opened the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting at 3:03p.m.

1) NEW BUSINESS

a) Correspondence

- FY17 grant memo to Selectmen, Finance, and Capital Budget Committees, 10/20/16
- FY17 grant interview schedule and applications
- Article, *Meeting Sparks Contrasting Views*, Cape Cod Times, 10/21/16

b) Review grant applications

- Chairman Ellis asked committee members to review the applications and advise Ms. Copeland if they have any questions prior to presentations beginning next week. The committee also reviewed the presentation schedule.
- St. Pius X Church Parish Hall Educational Building (#181): Chairman Ellis asked how the Historical Commission determined that the building was a historic resource. Ms. Copeland directed the committee to a memo from the Historical Commission dated July 15, 2016 included in the St. Pius application packet. Committee members asked for the criteria that were used by the Commission. Ms. Copeland will follow up.
- Indian Memorial Improvements (#175): Chairman Ellis had asked if anyone has reached out to the Tribal Council about this application. Ms. Copeland is waiting to hear back from Pat Armstrong, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cemeteries.
- Baxter Grist Mill Construction and Restoration (#172): Mr. Small asked if there were any matching funds for this project. Ms. Copeland will follow up with the applicant.
- Playing Field Upgrades (#168) and Sandy Pond Recreation Area (#170): Chairman Ellis asked if the Town has an inventory of all available playing and practice fields, including school properties. Ms. McGurrin will follow up with the Recreation Department. She explained that the fields on school property are not readily available for town use. Committee members would like to take a coordinated, holistic view of all athletic fields, whether owned by the Town or the school district, when distributing CPA funds. Chairman Ellis also asked if the high school football field is technically a stadium, because they charge an entrance fee and keep the proceeds.
- Chairman Ellis reminded the Committee of the importance of determining who controls a property when awarding grants.
- Peter Homer Park (#171): Ms. Copeland advised that she is awaiting updated information from Ms. Armstrong.
- Chairman Ellis expressed frustration at hearing "in passing" that the Parker's River Bridge project has been put off for one year. He requested that the Committee be notified of such

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developments as soon as possible. Ms. Copeland will get an update on the project timeline from the Town Planner.

- The Committee approved of the presentation schedule and discussed funding strategies in general.

c) Member representative and staff updates

- Ms. Copeland advised that Christine Marzigliano is the new Chair of the Open Space Committee and is working on the NStar property project. Ms. McElroy will recuse herself from any discussion on the matter.
- The Committee discussed the Cavalier redevelopment project. Mr. Roche explained that during the creation of the Village Center Overlay District, the concept was for that property to provide market-rate and affordable housing. Due to public concern over traffic, the developers eliminated the 18,000-20,000 square-foot commercial portion of the project, and reduced the housing from 120 units to 69 units, all of which are affordable.
- The Committee also discussed the future of the Community Preservation Act, which can be challenged through a petitioned article at Town Meeting beginning in 2020. It is possible that the 3% Community Preservation tax could be reduced or even eliminated.
- Mr. Roche stated that he would like to see a percentage of units at the Cavalier reserved for veterans.
- Chairman Ellis opened the topic of charging an application fee for Community Preservation grants. A short discussion followed and the topic will come up again.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) (2014, 2015, 2016)

ADJOURN

As there was no further business, Mr. Small moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. Ms. McElroy seconded. The vote was unanimous, 9-0.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- a) November 2, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., Room A
- b) November 9, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room
- c) November 16, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room
- d) November 30, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room
- e) December 7, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room
- f) December 14, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., Room A
- g) December 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m., Room A

HANDOUTS AT THE MEETING (Located in the Department of Community Development):

- Article, *Volunteers Keep Archaeology Going at Taylor-Bray Farm in Yarmouth Port*, Wicked Local, 10/25/16
- Community Preservation Committee 2016 Presentation Schedule

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Copeland
Program Coordinator


Mary Ann Walsh, Clerk