

Minutes for CPC Meeting of 3/23/06, 7:30 pm–9:45 pm, Memorial Library

Attending: Matt Lundberg, Jon Benson, Peter Berry, Tory Beyer, Catherine Coleman, Walter Foster, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Ed Starzec, Nancy Tavernier, Roland Bartl

Matt opened the meeting at 7:30 pm.

The Committee approved the minutes of the 1/26/06 meeting unanimously.

The Committee approved the minutes of the 2/23/06 meeting, as amended, unanimously.

REPORTS

Susan and Peter reported on the meeting with John Murray, Town Treasurer, to review proposed projects and the conditions that have been proposed for each project. The committee discussed the meeting.

The committee heard a report on the Finance Committee meetings, discussions, and votes with regard to the CPC proposals.

AWARD LETTERS

The Committee agreed to finalize the award letters after Town Meeting.

TOWN MEETING PREPARATION

Susan will update the current project statuses. Everyone should provide Susan with updates on his/her liaison projects. Nancy updated the committee on the Willow/Central project—the project is back on, as originally proposed, with 1 duplex and 1 single-family house.

There was a brief discussion of the Town Meeting presentation outline. The presentation will be the same format as last year's, with similar opening slides about the CPC in general.

Matt attended the pre-Town Meeting meeting last night and reported to the committee about it.

Everyone should contact his/her liaison applicants to have them prepare back-up information slides in case they are needed at Town Meeting.

After brief discussion, the committee voted unanimously to accept the withdrawal of the Acton Housing Authority's application for building a playground in McCarthy Village.

The committee discussed possible outcomes of the CPC warrant article vote at Town Meeting, and whether to have a ready response to possible negative votes on individual projects. In particular, the concern was expressed regarding recalculating percentage funding levels and meeting the 10% minimum funding requirements for housing, open space, and historic

preservation. The committee decided to recalculate the percentage allocations at Town Meeting, as necessary, with any negative vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Regarding the invitation the committee received via e-mail to participate in the upcoming Earth Day celebration in town, the committee decided to decline the invitation. Catherine will communicate this to the Earth Day organizers.

The committee discussed the draft letter to the editor of The Beacon. After some discussion and modification to the letter, the committee decided to send the letter to The Beacon for publication next week, before Town Meeting. Catherine will send in the revised letter.

Anne Forbes, liaison to the Committee for the Historic District Commission, reported on an amendment to the original CPA law that sets standards for the historic preservation of resources. The Committee briefly reviewed the amendment, and discussed including the standards in next year's CPC Plan. Roland will include the standards in this year's award letters for each of the historic preservation projects funded this year by CPC funds.

Walter updated the Committee on the work of the Morrison Committee.

Matt noted that the Town recently reminded all committees not to use e-mail for substantive discussions or deliberations, in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Sghia-Hughes, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee