

MEETING MINUTES

Town of Acton of Acton Community Preservation Committee

April 24, 2008

Acton Memorial Library

Attending: Walter Foster, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Nancy Tavernier, Jon Benson, Tory Beyer, Corrina Roman-Kreuze, Roland Bartl (Planning Department), Anne Forbes (HDC Observer) and Steve Noone (Finance Committee).

The meeting was called to order at 8:00PM by Ken Sghia-Hughes. Prior to the start of the meeting members toured the Civil War exhibit in the Memorial Library.

The minutes of the March 27 meeting were approved as amended.

The Committee discussed its presentation at Town Meeting and members commended Ken for his calm, soothing presentation. Walter Foster commented that the CPA article should in the future be presented prior to the School budgets and as part of the Town's budget presentation (though remaining a separate presentation) as it is a budget article. Walter will take this up with the Selectmen.

The Committee briefly discussed Town Meeting's failure to approve the \$136,000 in predevelopment funds for the Sachem Way project. It was noted the Acton Housing Authority would either try to find funding elsewhere or come back to the Committee next year and likely spend time with the neighboring home owners to address their concerns.

By way of clarification, Roland reported that for all approved CPA projects the funds are available immediately and accounts will be set up for each project. There is no need to wait for the start of the new fiscal year on July 1 as CPA funds are "available" as opposed to "anticipated".

The Committee reviewed the draft award letters for the Exchange Hall and West Acton Citizens Library projects and with minor revisions approved both letters. The Committee determined that a letter should be sent to the Acton Housing Authority formally notifying them of Town Meeting's decision not to approve the Sachem Way predevelopment funds.

The Committee voted to approve the funds for eighteen CPA signs and stands to place at the sites of CPA projects around Town.

The Committee received copies of the Town's Amicus Brief in *Seideman v. City of Newton*. Walter, who contributed to the brief, explained that the thrust of our argument is that the Community Preservation Act should be broadly interpreted and that the application of the Act should be at the discretion of each CPA community.

Nancy Tavernier gave an update on the Willow Street/Central Street project. Jon Benson indicated he would be submitting a proposal to the Committee for the handling of project applications filed after the annual deadline.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 8 at 7:30PM. The remaining project award letters will be reviewed and approved at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

Jon Benson