DRAFT Minutes, 11/04/2010

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Acton
Community Preservation Committee
November 04, 2010
Acton Memorial Library

Attending: Walter Foster, Peter Ashton, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Janet Adachi, Tory Beyer, Corrina Roman-Kreuze, Roland Bourdon, Andrew Magee

Also present: Roland Bartl Acton Planning Department, Steve Noone Finance Committee observer, Kim Connor Hughes HDC, Michaela Moran HDC, Anne Forbes, Mary Michelman ACES, Wick McConnen Hybid Farms

The meeting was called to order at 7:34PM

Minutes from 10/14/2010 meeting were approved.

Update on CPC Projects as presented to Board of Selectmen - Janet
Janet Adachi (BOS liaison) provided an update on CPC projects that were presented to BOS. The Board heard a number of presentations, BOS will vote at their next meeting on priorities. These projects included the Asa Parlin house, Part II of the Town Hall Windows, Linda McElroy Trail Through Time, Window in Acton Memorial Library, East Acton Village Green, OSC $425,000.00 open space set aside.

Presentation on Asa Parlin House:
Michaela Moran and Kimberly Connor Hughes of HDC provided a presentation on proposed historic preservation project for the Asa Parlin House (yellow, historic structure behind Town Hall). Project proposes making a large interior meeting space – 30-40 people, handicapped accessible, add bathroom and kitchenette. Room could be divided into two 2x12 rooms. Propose removal of second floor – making a cathedral/open meeting space. The landscaping would reflect period history. This would unite Town buildings and preserve cultural heritage and increase green space.
Sense of committee was favorable. Janet updated CPC that the project was well received at BOS meeting – especially if project will be divided into phases. Andy asked about other sources of funding and encouraged applicants to research other funding sources as leverage for projects is something that CPC always looks for in applications.
Walter thanked Michaela for bringing this to CPC for consideration.

Quail Ridge Auction:
Wick McConnen, owner of Hybid Farms in Acton asked CPC if there was some way that CPC funds could be used to purchase the Quail Ridge property at auction. He would be interested in purchasing part of the land as he is looking for a space for an indoor riding ring and large cross country course for his business. The sense of the committee was that this would be a complicated venture and urged Mr. McConnen to speak with other groups in town and to speak with the BOS. It is anticipated that the cost is above what CPC could fund without bonding. The committee did agree that this is an intriguing proposition – would owning a golf course be an asset for the Town? Janet mentioned that Jim Snyder Grant asked the Town to "do something" and that the Town Manager is making inquiries.
Steve Noone asked if Town purchased property, could the Town then sell back a piece of the land to the horse farm?
Walter urged Mr. McConnen to put in an application as a place holder.

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Cauouette Land Update:

Mary Michelman of ACES is concerned that there needs to be adequate protection in place for users of property should the property be used for purposes other than agricultural after the 10 year farming lease has ended. Would additional testing be needed? Or should uses be limited from the start? Mary urged the Committee to follow up on the non binding resolutions that were passed at Special Town Meeting. Walter commented that we always follow through on CPC projects and we would do so with regards to these resolutions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Documents Discussed and Attached
Meeting Agenda for November 04, 2010
Draft Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2010 CPC meeting
Letter from Senator Jamie Eldridge
CPC Meeting Schedule 2011
CPC Member Contact List

Next Meeting: November 18, 2010 7:30PM

Respectfully Submitted: Corrina Roman-Kreuze, Clerk