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From: Dore' Hunter
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2004 3:05 PM
To: Manager Department; Board of Selectmen
Subject: Proposal for Selectmen sponsors for Town of Acton CPC submissions

Hi Folks,

At our last meeting we very briefly discussed the various CPA fund applications made in the name of the Town to the CPC. I noted that we were not all of one opinion concerning one proposal. This has started me thinking about that application process.

Having one Selectman sitting on the CPC is entirely proper, but it seems to me that we should have considered that our CPC participant might not always agree with the majority of the Board as to the worth or precedence of any particular Town sponsored application, as may be the case at present. Just as the Board has in the past tried to avoid burdening a Selectman, who might be opposed to the Board's position, in presenting a Board recommended Warrant Article at Town Meeting, it seems that it might be wise to so structure things that the Selectman CPC member is not potentially put in a conflict between a Board of Selectmen's position and his/her own evaluation of any particular submission to the CPC.

Accordingly I will propose, at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting, that as to those pending CPC applications on which the Board has not yet specifically voted, that the Board do so, and that it then select from among its number, other than the CPC member, a representative to act as sponsor for any of the Town proposals before the CPC as to which it supports.

This is, of course, advance notice of a proposal I intend to make and is not intended to start any Open Meeting Law prohibited discussion.

By copy hereof the Manager is requested to put this item on the next BOS Agenda.

Regards,
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11/24/2004

Acton Community Preservation Committee sets Schedule for Proposal Review

The Acton Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has set its schedule for deliberations on twelve proposed projects totaling nearly \$795,000. The Committee will also discuss how much to set aside for open space and to apply toward administrative expenses. This year approximately \$1,140,000 is available for the Town to allocate amongst the primary focus areas of the Community Preservation Act: open space, historic preservation, community housing, and recreational facilities. Whatever funds are not allocated in this funding cycle will remain in Acton's Community Preservation Fund for future spending.

Applicants will provide a brief presentation, which will be followed by Committee questions and public feedback. The CPC encourages Acton citizens to attend these meetings and provide input to the discussion.

The schedule is as follows:

December 2

Colonel Francis Faulkner Memorial Plaque Replacement
Antique Fire Apparatus Restoration
Create a new multi-use recreation space at Leary Field
Bruce Freeman Rail Trail - Start-Up Funding

December 16

Land Acquisition and Infrastructure for Habitat for Humanity Home
ACHC, Community Housing Program Fund
Library Restoration for the Display of Acton's Civil War Artifacts
Pine Hawk Curatorial Display

January 6

Jones Tavern Chimney Stabilization
Town Hall, Slate Roof Replacement
AHA, Technical and Administrative Support Services for Development of Affordable Housing
AHA, Design and Construction of Recreational Area at McCarthy Village

January 13

Open Space Set-Aside
Administrative Funds
Brainstorm session on all proposals

January 27

Initial allocation of funds

February 10

Final decisions on proposals

February 24

Submit Town Meeting Warrant Article

All meetings are in the Memorial Library 1st floor Meeting Room and begin at 7:30 p.m. The Memorial Library is not open for regular business on Thursday evenings; doors to the meeting room will open at 7:15 p.m.