

Town of Easton
Community Preservation Act Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2010
Location: BOS Meeting Room

Members in Attendance: Ed Hands, John Grant, Len Cidado, Lee Williams, Colleen Less, Dennis Sheedy, Greg Strange

Members not in Attendance: Jim Lee,

Others in Attendance: Alice Savage, Donna Bonia

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Strange at 7:06 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Hands, 2nd Grant, minutes of 1/28/10 approved unanimously.

Motion Less, 2nd Hands, minutes of 2/11/10 approved unanimously with Williams abstaining.

Motion Sheedy, 2nd Williams, minutes of 2/25/10 approved unanimously with Hands & Less abstaining.

Hands stated he received executive session minutes from Hunt, which he passed along to Alice Savage, to be put on next agenda for approval. Historical Commission meeting on Tuesday, Unity Church is continuing with project, but is having cash flow problems.

Strange & Cidado are working on Pat's plaque; discussed wording to be put on plaque.

Review of Applications for FY 2010 Funding:

Fair & Affordable Housing Partnership Committee to Update Housing Plan:

Donna Bonia –presenter: Requesting CPA funds for consultant fees to update housing plan which expires in 10/10. DHC has new requirements; CPA funds are to be used for identifying zoning districts, specific sites, and projection of future housing needs. Bids are coming in. Original request of \$10,000 has been modified and Donna now is requesting up to \$15K to ensure there are sufficient funds to cover consultant fees. Bids between are between \$11,000 and \$18,000 per Savage.

- Hands motioned to recommend supporting the AHTP application for consultant fees up to \$15,000, 2nd Williams, unanimous.

Discussion of Town Meeting Subcommittee:

Hands, Strange, and Williams have formed as the TM Subcommittee. Hands discussed how the presentation would go at TM and that it is their responsibility to explain in detail

what the CPC has done over the past several years and to explain that the Town people decide how money is expended. Discussion will include an overview of the priority properties for open space and recreation, show as much as possible that the Committee members have a vision for the future in regards to open space and recreation.

FinCom meeting last evening discussed decreasing the CPA surcharge, requiring CPA funding articles to go before FinCom Committee, and showing that there would be no negative impact to Town revenues for CPA projects. Cidado reiterated the risk involved and the CPC's acknowledgement of loaning money with the risk involved. He advised this be stated at TM to Town people so that they understand the pros and cons of approving Beacon project and stress the benefits of approving the project. Hands stated the risk is minimal and is during lease period. Cidado thinks risk is after the lease period and during the sale period. Cidado wants to reassure Town people that CPC has been thoughtful about approving this project.

Hands asked how long bond is on Dean Street, which is 20 years. Hands stated this project encompasses CPC's vision by providing open space, historical preservation and affordable housing. Grant stated his concerns regarding the risks involved with money are less due to Beacon making concessions. Hands suggested having a meeting prior to TM to go over PowerPoint presentation. Finance committee invited CPC members to their next meeting on 3/24/10, no CPC members can attend on that date. Alice suggested a more formal application process to include other committees for their suggestions and input. Hands suggested a CPC meeting on the 31st and invite the FinCom to be in attendance.

- Motion by Williams to send invite letter to FinCom for meeting with CPC on the 31st of March, 2nd Sheedy, unanimous.

Next meeting: **Wednesday, 3/31/10**

Adjournment: Motion Sheedy, 2nd Williams, meeting adjourned at 8: 30 pm.

Karen Gilbride-Raynard, Secretary Date

Avery Lee Williams, Clerk Date