

Minutes
CPA Committee of Easton, Mass
May 8, 2008

Present: Boyle, Grant, Hands, Hunt, McDonald, Mullen, Sheedy, Williams

Absent: Santoro

Guests: Selectmen King and Corona, Douglas King, Mark Rousseau, Jennifer Hruniak, Vicki-Ann Downing (press)

Call to order: 7:02 PM

Queset Commons – Douglas King passed out literature followed by a question and answer period. Spotted turtle protection was mentioned by Grant and Mr. King indicated that he is willing to make accommodations. The dam at Morse's Pond is privately owned and in poor condition. There was no conclusion to this possible future problem.

HHR-FLO PACs request – Stephanie Coose made a presentation on the application of the PACs requesting CPA funding of the purchase of playground equipment at the Richardson and Olmsted Schools. The Recreation Commission recommends.

M/S – Grant/Hands – to support \$142,614 application for funds subject to application being amended so that the Recreation Commission is the applicant and will oversee the project, that an opinion of town counsel be obtained by the Commission that the expenditure is an eligible CPA project, that any bidding requirements be satisfied by the Commission, that the Commission be satisfied as to price and warranty, that the equipment be available to the public, and the Commission coordinate with the schools on the project.

Passed Unan.

M/S – Mullen/Grant to include playground project in 2009 budget of CPA.

Passed Unan.

M/S – Hands/Grant – to approve minutes of April 10, 2008 meeting. Passed Unan.

Boyle, Sheedy and Mullen abstained.

M/S – Hands/Grant – to approve Executive Session minutes of April 10, 2008 meeting.

Passed Unan Boyle, Sheedy and Mullen abstained.

M/S – Mullen/Grant to approve minutes of March 31, 2008. Passed Unan. Hands and Sheedy abstained.

M/S – Mullen/Grant to approve Ex. Sess. minutes of March 31, 2008. Passed Unan.

Hands and Sheedy abstained.

M/S – Hands/Mullen – to approve minutes of July 30, 2007. Passed Unan. Sheedy abstained.

M/S – Mullen/Hands – to approve Executive Session minutes of July 30, 2007. Passed Unan Sheedy abstained.

M/S – to approve minutes of July 12, 2007 meeting. Passed Unan. Williams abstained.

M/S Grant/Mullen – to approve minutes of November 5, 2007 meeting. Passed Unan.

Boyle and Hands abstained.

M/S – Mullen/Grant – to approve Executive Session minutes of November 5, 2007.
Passed Unan. Boyle and Hands abstained.

Historic – Hands- finalizing public hearing on Historic Preservation Plan.

Housing – Sheedy – 26 Poquanticut Ave on hold until after Town Meeting. Plan is to turn building into a two family facility.

Recreation – McDonald – Snelgrove Trust to donate equipment for park behind old NE Grammar School. Work party Friday, June 13. Some materials and machinery needed.

Conservation – Grant – Open Space map is completed. Copy given to chair, Hunt. Diane Baretos has been hired for year long study of a conservation lands and management plan creation.

Affordable Housing Trust Fund – Rousseau – consensus was favorable to the concept.

M/S – Hands/Grant – to support article on Affordable Housing Trust Fund at Town Meeting.

CPA Committee Secretary – we need one to take minutes at the meeting and keep up with timely filing of our minutes.

M/S – Mullen/Grant – to hire a secretary for our committee. Passed Unan.

Community Preservation Coalition – Our membership to begin July 1, 2008. Bill for \$3,000 was signed by all members present.

Release of Executive Committee minutes –

M/S – Grant/Mullen – to not release April 10, 2008 Executive Session minutes. Passed unan.

M/S – Hands/Grant – to not release Executive Session minutes of March 31, 2008. Passed Unan.

M/S – Grant/Mullen – to release March 13, 2008 Executive Session minutes. Passed Unan.

M/S – Mullen/McDonald – to release February 7, 2008 Executive Session minutes. Passed Unan.

M/S – Grant/Mullen – to release January 10, 2008 Executive Session minutes. Passed Unan.

M/S – Grant/Williams – To not release Executive Session minutes of December 20, 2007. Passed with Hunt opposed.

M/S – Hands/Boyle – to send December 20, 2007 Executive Session minutes to Town Counsel for review. Passed Unan.

M/S – Grant/Hands – to not release Executive Session minutes of November 5, 2007. Passed Unan.

M/S – Grant/Mullen – to release October 11, 2007 Executive Session minutes. Passed Unan.

M/S – Boyle/Mullen – to not release Executive session minutes of September 6, 2007. Passed Unan.

M/S – McDonald /Williams – to send ex. sess. minutes of September 6, 2007 to Town Counsel for review. Passed with Grant opposed.

M/S – Grant/Mullen – to release August 9, 2007 Executive Session minutes. Passed Unan.

M/S – Grant/Mullen – to release Executive Session minutes of April 12, 2007. Passed Unan.

M/S – Boyle/Mullen – to release Executive Session minutes of March 8, 2007. Passed Unan.

M/S – Hands/Boyle – to release Executive Session minutes of July 30, 2007. Passed Unan.

M/S – Hands/McDonald – to release Executive Session minutes of June 14, 2007. Passed Unan.

Town Meeting filings – consensus was that we should set a “soft” target of three months as deadline to submit articles for Town Warrant and publicize it.

M/S – Boyle/Grant – to adjourn. Passed Unan.

Meeting adjourned: 8:52 PM

Next meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2008