

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING: MINUTES

**Veterans Memorial Community Center, 2 Mayflower Street
January 25, 2016, 1:04 pm**

Members present: Kristin Hatch, Barbara Prato, Michelle Crone DeMarco, Judy Cicero, Polly Burnell, and Susan Cook [1:12]

Excused: Brandon Quesnell

Other attendees: Community Housing Specialist/Grant Administrator Michelle Jarusiewicz

Public Statements: none

FY 2017 CPA Funding Round:

Community Housing Specialist/Grant Administrator Michelle Jarusiewicz explained the process. The CPC would next meet at their Public Hearing on February 8th, unless they choose to schedule another meeting, at which time the CPC could make their recommendations or schedule another date to do so. The recommended proposals would go to town meeting in April for the voters to approve or not.

Cemetery Commission: \$40,000 request for the old section of Alden St. Cemetery for implementation of Preservation Plan presented by Cemetery Commission chair Richard Olson. Mr. Olson indicated that members are familiar with their ongoing efforts for all the cemeteries. The Cemetery Commission used some of their own funds to have the study completed. This request will address the stone conservation of priority stones in categories 1 & 2 within the old section of the Alden Street cemetery. That is, those that are hazardous and unstable which pose a danger to those around. They may submit a future request for the next category – those that are already flat and cannot fall. Ms. Hatch inquired about how much CPA funds have been approved to date? Ms. Jarusiewicz indicated that it was about \$224,500 in total funds primarily for Winthrop Street Cemetery. Mr. Olson said that surprisingly the oldest stones, those made of slate, have held up the best. Different materials used since are not as sturdy. Ms. Burnell said that many genealogists visit that cemetery; it is used a lot. Mr. Olson said that they are also working on a brochure and a website with details to help people doing research. Napi gave them a gift to do the work.

Ms. Hatch asked about the Bas Relief? Ms. Jarusiewicz indicated that the Town received 5 proposals which are under review.

School Dept. Auditorium: Superintendent Beth Singer presented the school's request for \$40,000 for Phase 2 work in the high school building auditorium including historic painting and refinishing walls, ceiling, and woodwork. The school obtained an estimate from Cape Associates for a total of \$57,000 which did not include retrofitting the ceiling lamps. They would need to go through a procurement process. The use of the auditorium does include public events; for example, the Tennessee Williams Festival. The school committee has a rental policy that provides different rates for non-profits [about \$250/day] vs. for-profits [about \$500/day]. There are no fees for town events. The Peregrine Theater rented it for the entire summer for \$15,000. This year they cannot as there will be ongoing repair work in the area. They haven't been using the balcony mostly because they don't need to and the original chairs are there. It is primarily used for the technology, lighting, etc. Ms. Crone asked if there were discounts for parking for attendees? No. Ms. Singer said that the curtains for the

windows and doors, funded last year, have been done, but they are waiting to put them up with the pending construction.

Ms. Hatch asked if there would be sufficient funds in historic? Ms. Jarusiewicz indicated that there was. There are the carried forward balances, new funds, and the unallocated fund balances that could be drawn.

Ms. Burnell asked the acoustics? They are working on creating the ideal ones. What about CORI checks? Only done while school is in session.

Ms. Crone indicated that she worked in the business in LA and they often received significant donations to support theater.

Ms. Hatch inquired about what is the total ask? Ms. Singer said that the next project would be sight & sounds; and seating which is very expensive. They may sell chairs. When the big rehab project is done they will have new heat and AC. Currently there are blowers on the stage which drown out performances.

Ms. Cicero said that she is on the Cultural Council and often they give out small grants for performances and hope that they might be able to access the theater.

Ms. Crone indicated that this is an amazing deal especially including sound and lights.

Ms. Hatch said that she wanted to personally thank the Superintendent for all her efforts.

Ms. Burnell said that the Historical Commission meets Wednesday, would she like a letter of support? – yes.

Ms. Jarusiewicz reminded members that the Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 8th at 1:00. Would they like to meet again in advance for further discussion? - no

Ms. Cicero inquired if signage would be included in the cemetery project? – not at this time

Ms. Hatch mentioned that the Banner had an article about the \$100,000 request for the Cape Cod Village housing development in Orleans. Only once has the Town approved funds for an out-of-town project. Members had general discussion about unknown need in Provincetown about this population. Ms. Crone said that people have approached her; there are more adults than you think. Ms. Hatch indicated that she had discussed with the Town Manager that morning and if 3 slots, that is \$33,000 each. No guarantee that there would be someone from Provincetown. She has reservations personally. Ms. Cicero said that she has reservations as well; she supports the idea. The supporters are mostly parents of children. Maybe we could offer a little less. This is only the beginning, the need is great. Ms. Hatch said that it would be \$100,000 less for housing in Provincetown; something to think about. Be interesting to see what Wellfleet town meeting decides. Ms. Prato said key is regionalization. Provincetown can't do everything; we can't possibly do it here. Ms. Hatch said that maybe if they guaranteed even one slot; but don't know if they can. Ms. Prato said this is only drop in the bucket as far as the overall money needed. Ms. Crone thought the community building was brilliant and do-able. Ms. Prato said that they can't spend the money until they have all the money for the project. We hold onto the funds. Ms. Cicero said that they will need tremendous help overtime to support the project. It will be very hard to do.

CPA Coalition dues:

Polly Burnell MOVE to approve payment of the CPA Coalition dues of \$1750; Barbara Prato second; approved 6-0.

Annual report: Ms. Hatch indicated that she hasn't completed it yet. She can draft and submit to Ms. Jarusiewicz who can distribute for comments.

Minutes:

Barbara Prato MOVE to accept the minutes of 9/22/14; second by Judy Cicero; approved 6-0.

Other: Town received a public records request for copies of approved CPA applications related to places of worship since FY 2015 that she responded to. While we received 2 last year, both were ineligible. So we have not had any in that timeframe. Ms. Hatch found that interesting since she wondered about that when we approved the trompe l'oeil at the UU.

Next Meeting: Mondays: January 25, 2016 at 1:00 pm. and public hearing, February 8, 2016 at 1:00 pm.

Adjourned 1:59 pm.

Submitted by:

Michelle Jarusiewicz,

Community Housing Specialist & Grant Administrator