

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING: MINUTES

Grace Gouveia Building, 26 Alden Street

August 3, 2009, 3:05 pm

Members present: Bill Dougal, Dorothy Palanza, Nancy Jacobsen, Steve Milkewicz, Dennis Minsky, and Eric Dray.

Excused absence: Arturo Alon

Non-excused absence: Tom Roberts

Other attendees: Community Housing Specialist Michelle Jarusiewicz and Assistant Town Manager David Gardner; Representatives from Truro's CPC

Authorization to join CPA Coalition:

Dennis Minsky MOVE to join CPA Coalition for fee of \$1500; second by Eric Dray; approved 6-0-0.

Stuart Saginor, ED, Community Preservation Coalition Presentation:

The Executive Director of the Community Preservation Coalition, Stuart Saginor, gave a presentation and slide show regarding the CPA state-wide. 142 communities are participating. There are no gateway cities participating, which is of some concern to the legislature. The matching funds percentage has declined as the number of communities participating has increased and revenues have decreased. There is proposed legislation which would increase the annual minimum CPA funds, provide an alternate method to join which may increase CPA participation by less affluent communities, and clarify the use of CPA funds with regard to recreation and parks. The Coalition is expanding its website this Fall.

Discussion from the group:

Should the CPC "go out of business?" That is, spend on projects now and not worry about reserving funds for the future --142 different answers. CPA funds are flexible and every community views it differently and that changes over time. CPA is adopted "forever" unless rescinded; can borrow against local share, matching funds are separate, so always have some funds to use after debt paid off.

Appraisals: Generally appraisals are done before town meeting, but who does it and how varies. Often the CPC will want an independent appraisal or review and this can be done with CPA Administrative funds.

Application timetables: Again, the timing varies. The fall is popular, Truro has Nov 1st. The CPC may want to leave some flexibility through some language where the CPC may extend the deadline for extenuating circumstances... Some towns vote in the fall but do their annual budget and debt payments in the spring.

Public Input: public hearings are helpful but it is hard to work in a vacuum and one can never project what is coming or needed. Each town determines its own path, there is no requirement for an application, there is no requirement for a particular process.

Minutes: Eric Dray MOVE to approve minutes of 7/14/09 as written; second by Dennis Minsky; approved 6-0-0.

Public Statements: none

Next Meeting scheduled Tuesday, 8/25/09 at 5:00 pm. Agenda to include discussion of next round.

CPA FY 2010 APPLICATION DUE DATE:

Eric Dray MOVE that the FY 2011 CPA fund application round due date be December 1, 2009; second by Dorothy Palanza; approved 6-0-0.

Adjourned 5:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Michelle Jarusiewicz,

Community Housing Specialist