

MINUTES
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting of Thursday February 14, 2013

Present: Jane Lopes, Maureen Franco, , Josephine Ruthwicz, Ted Eayrs, Michael Maddigan, David Thomas, Janet Miller, Mark Belanger
Absent: David Maddigan
Others: None

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in the Community Room at 8 Benton Street. This meeting was recorded by cable television

Minutes

The minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting were reviewed

Motion: To approve the January 10, 2012 minutes

By Ted Eayrs

Seconded by Dave Thomas

VOTE: 8-0-0

Old Business

Review of December Action Items –The four warrant articles were prepared and submitted for spring town meeting. The March meeting will also be the annual public hearing for review of the updated CP Plan, projects and funding. The salary rate for a clerical position was obtained from the Town Manager as well as contact information for other secretaries and part time employees. These people were notified and asked to submit a letter of interest. The Town Accountant will begin giving us a monthly account statement to review. Members met with Bridgewater's CPA consultant and learned of the many different ways that she assists them –it was felt that as we have more projects that we may need this type of assistance also. Information was sent to the resident regarding other projects state wide that have received CPA funds for work inside a church. We were informed that Shoe Shop Place was not awarded the grant.

Cemetery Signs Project - Mr. Stevens dropped of wording for the CPA funding sign with Jo between meetings. They are proposing to have a smaller sign on one leg of the large cemetery sign stating this was a CPA funded project. Mr. Stevens was not in attendance to discuss this further. Members questioned why there was a second sign which could be easily broken off. It was felt that the sign maker could add a line in smaller font on the front lower corner of the main sign. Mr. Belanger said he would talk with Mr. Stevens.

Review of Warrant Articles – The four project warrant articles for spring town meeting were submitted to the Town Manager's office. Ms. Ruthwicz informed the members that Shoe Shop Place did not received the state grant that was necessary to go forward with the project. The town anticipates his next grant application would be October of 2013 with award about this same time 2014. We must also prepare and submit the FY14 budget warrant article.

MOTION: To regretfully withdraw the Shoe Shop Place warrant article.

By Ted Eayrs

Seconded by Janet Miller

VOTE: 8-0-0

New Business

Open Space Plan Committee appointment – The Conservation Agent has contacted us requesting that we appoint one member to the Open Space Plan committee. Mr. Eayrs volunteered to represent the CPA Committee and attended the first meeting. Several potential projects that could be CPA funded were identified such as Ja-Mer Turkey farm, Fort Hill on the Taunton River Corridor. Due to the state of the economy, property values have been negatively impacted and therefore owners do not want to sell or place restrictions at this time.

Clerical Position – As stated under Action Items, Ms. Ruthwicz contacted the town as to the salary for this position and contact information for other clerks or part time employees that may be interested in this position. We received one letter of interest from Colleen Lieb who is the clerk for the Historical Commission and Finance Committee. Ms. Lieb is very interested in the

1. January 10, 2013 meeting minutes
2. Clerk application