

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting of Thursday July 11, 2013

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Community Room at 8 Benton Street.

Old Business

Review of Action Items - The grant agreements have been submitted to town counsel for review. He has asked that we use form approved by the Coalition. After discussion, Ted volunteered to discuss more fully with town counsel. Award notices and the grant agreements will be sent to the new grantees upon town counsel's approval. Jo contacted the museum requesting they submit Step 1 in order to place the project on the fall town meeting warrant. Ms. McNair stated that the architect has completed the survey and they are awaiting the report. Jane hopes to meet with members of the Oliver family by the end of the month. Jo will contact the cemeteries committee regarding the status of the signs.

Financial Report - Ms. Franco updated the committee as to the fund balances as of the end of the fiscal year and the anticipated revenues for FY14. In FY12 we received \$55,139 as the state's CPA match. To date total town and state funds are \$667,670 with \$78,231 committed/expended for projects as of June 30, 2013. The FY13 state match should be deposited late fall 2013. In addition, it is anticipated the state's surplus funds will be deposited mid November.

Open Space Plan Committee - Mr. Eayrs informed the committee that a survey has been sent out with the recent gas and electric bills. The results of the survey will be used to update the Plan.

Grant Agreements - Ms. Ruthwicz explained that the grant award letter used for the first two projects was emailed to town counsel. Dartmouth's grant agreement which is more detailed, was also emailed to him for review. Town Counsel felt that we should contact the Coalition and use theirs as a template. The Coalition does not make legal decisions which is why they recommend that we contact our legal counsel. Mr. Eayrs said he will try to meet with him before the next meeting.

New Business - FY14 applications

Lion's Head Project- The total project cost is \$406,000 with a CPA funding request of \$146,000. This would be a cooperative project with the Town, the Wildlands Trust and the MA Division of Fish & Game to permanently preserve 103 acres on the Nemasket River.

MOTION: To accept the Step 1 application from the Conservation Commission for the Lion's Head property as eligible for CPA funding based on the Category of Open Space and Purposes of Acquire and Preserve.

By Ted Eayrs Seconded by Michael Maddigan VOTE: 8-0-0

Nemasket Apartments - Sproat Street Window Project - Ms. Ruthwicz speaking as the Housing Director, noted the Nemasket Apartments were built in the 1950's as the first elderly housing in our community. This project will install new windows to structurally stabilize the buildings. In conjunction with the CPA project, the Middleborough Housing Authority will install insulation and exterior siding in order to make the apartments more energy efficient thereby preserving these elderly affordable housing units. The CPA request is \$20,000 with an anticipated total preservation cost of \$60,000.

MOTION: To accept the Step 1 application from the Middleborough Housing Authority for the Nemasket Apartments window project as eligible for CPA funding based on the Category of Community Housing and Purpose of Preserve and Support.

VOTE: 7-0-1

Middleborough Museum Climate Control Project - Cynthia McNair, of the Historical

MOTION: To accept the Step 1 application from the Middleborough Historical Association, Inc. for installation of climate control measures at the 2 museum mill houses as eligible for CPA funding based on the Category of Historic Preservation and Purposes of Preserve and Rehabilitate/Restore with the condition that the study report be submitted as soon as possible.

VOTE: 8-0-0

MOTION: To accept the Step 1 application from the Town of Middleborough's Town Clerk's Office for the second phase to preserve the town's historic and vital records as eligible for CPA funding based on the Category of Historic Preservation and Purpose of Preserve.

VOTE: 8-0-0

MOTION: To accept the Step 1 application from the Soule Homestead's for the Barn Restoration project as eligible for CPA funding based on the Category of Historic Preservation and Purpose of Rehabilitate /Restore.

VOTE: 6-0-2

MOTION: To accept the Step 1 application from the Soule Homestead for the Farmhouse and Woodshed project as eligible for CPA funding based on the Category of Historic Preservation and Purpose of Rehabilitate /Restore.

VOTE: 6-0-2

Mr. Belanger and Ms. Lopes abstained

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Other -

Remote Participation - The Board of Selectmen has not placed this on the agenda. We will attempt to have it placed on a future agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Jo to send copy of Dartmouth's grant agreement to all members
2. Ted to talk with town counsel re grant agreement
3. Jo to prepare the 4 grant agreements upon approval by Dan
4. Award Notices will go out with grant agreements
5. Mark to check with Ethics Commission re: Soule Homestead relationship

The next CPA meeting was scheduled for Thursday August 8, 2013.

MOTION: To adjourn the regular session meeting of the Community Preservation Committee.

By Michael Maddigan

Seconded by Ted Eayrs

VOTE: 8-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Josephine A Ruthwicz, Clerk

List of Documents and Other Exhibits Used By The Body At The Meeting

1. Step 1 application– Lion's Head - open space- acquire
2. Step 1 application - Sproat Street Windows - housing -preserve
3. Step 1 application - Town's Historic Records - historic - preserve
4. Step 1 application- Museum climate control- historic-preserve
5. Step 1 application - Soule Homestead barn - historic - rehab/restore
6. Step 1 application- Soule Homestead farmhouse& woodshed - historic - rehab/restore