

Community Preservation Committee

October 28, 2015

Attendees: Didi Chadran, John Lee, Beth Williams, Jo Ward, Deb Thomson, Pam Marston, Michelle Catalina, Leo Blair

Visitors: Wendy Sisson, Bruce Nickerson

The meeting convened at 7:33PM.

Minutes were approved, as amended.

Current Business:

Finance Committee: Didi contacted Alice Von Loesecke. CPC is scheduled on FinCom's agenda for the November 18th meeting.

Town Hall: Discussion was held regarding the bond on Town Hall and the CPC contribution. Leo will get a written decision from Lorraine Leonard regarding advance payment against the debt for Town Hall renovation.

Village Nursery School Request: - \$200.00 for Story walk on Nature Trail. No presentation.

Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Request: - approximately \$26,000.00. Bruce Nickerson updated the CPC on status of Littleton Road property, affordable housing updates and what the MAHT would like to do with their 10% grant.

- Littleton Road property had contingencies in the Purchase & Sale Agreement. Buyer has backed off on the deal.
- Devens Green had 140 housing units planned, but none were to be affordable. Through town negotiations with the developer, 10 units will be added to Town's subsidized inventory. MAHT will make a one-time \$140,000.00 payment to subsidize. A number of units will be moderate income units.
- Senior Housing plans for Hildreth House land were put on the shelf a few years ago by the prior housing authority due to lack of sewer capacity. Sewer is now available and the MAHT would like to re-evaluate these plans and possibly employ a housing project manager. Bruce is meeting with other towns to research the approaches they've taken towards Senior Housing. Michelle Catalina suggested that MAHT should work with the Planning Board and Bill Scanlan.

Conservation Commission:

- \$23,900.00 towards Invasive Plant management on conservation land. Wendy Sisson informed the CPC that this is the continuation of the project for which they had requested \$50,000.00 last year. Last year's contribution focused on 4 areas. Continuing to focus on 3 areas, Bare Hill Sanctuary, Clapp-Scorgie-Tufts-Smith, and Bellevue Cemetery. Currently working on Hermann

Orchard, removing apple trees. ConCom has received money from the Garden Club that allowed Wendy to get a pesticide license. Discussion of use of CPC funds for maintenance of Conservation land.

- \$200,000 towards Open Space. Current balance of approximately \$206K left in fund after land acquisitions. Approximately \$15K expenses towards gifts of land. One parcel being considered for acquisition will be approximately \$300K. Conservation fund previously available through omnibus budget has less than \$150,000 remaining for ongoing maintenance of open space that was purchase without CPC funds.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 10th to review all grant requests and make decisions.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.