Community Preservation Committee

Monday, November 14, 2011, 7:00 pm at the GAR Hall, Scituate, Massachusetts

Members Present: Chairman John Bulman, Mrs. Lisa Fenton, Mr. Harvey Gates, Mr. George Trafton, Mr. Paul Scott, Mr. Frank Snow, Mr. Rich Lane

Others Present: Mr. Frank Judge, Ms. Cynde Robbins

I. Call to Order at 7:04 pm

II. Acceptance of Agenda

 MOTION to Accept the Agenda by Mrs. Fenton, SECONDED by Mr. Snow, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7-0 to accept the agenda as submitted.

III. Approval of Minutes

1. October 11, 2011 Meeting

 MOTION by Mr. Scott to accept the Minutes of October 11, 2011, SECONDED by Mr. Snow, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7-0 to accept the minutes as submitted.

IV. New Business

1. Mordecai Lincoln Sidewalk Application for Eligibility: Mr. Bulman stated that Application for Eligibility for a sidewalk on Mordecai Lincoln was received at Town Hall before our last meeting but not received by CPC in time to be posted on the prior meeting agenda, so no vote could take place last month. After a brief review of applicants description of the proposed project, Mr. Bulman asked if the members wanted to make a motion as to whether it is eligible for funding under CPA or not. MOTION by Mr. Snow to find this application ineligible for CPA funding Snow, SECONDED by Mr. Scott with a discussion to follow. Mr. Bulman stated that the application was specifically for sidewalks. Mr. lane discussed that the Mordecai Lincoln Road had just been repaved and there was a defined area for the sidewalks. Mr. Bulman stated that no matter the issue, CPC cannot pay for a sidewalk. Mrs. Fenton discussed the issue further and stated that Mordecai Lincoln Road already had a sidewalk, which has been taken away. Mrs. Fenton offered to speak to Mr. Matthews, the applicant, in regards to the reasoning behind the ineligibility. Mr. Snow stated that the applicant should not be encouraged to apply again. Mr. Bulman stated that even if it were to make the project a recreational framework that would fit into CPC funding, it doesn’t mean that it will provide the connectivity that is needed for the expenditure of CPC funds. Mr. Snow re-stated that it is simply ineligible. Mr. Bulman made the point that not every neighborhood in town can apply for a bike path. Mrs. Fenton will follow up with Mr. Matthews. After discussion, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7-0, that the Motion be approved determining the project ineligible for CPA funding.
2. Member assignments / liaisons for applications: Mr. Bulman passed out worksheets for a proposed hearing schedule. Mr. Bulman discussed the time frames he proposed as needed for discussion for each of the projects. Mr. Bulman discussed that typically a vote on all projects at the meeting near the end of January works with the Advisory Board’s schedule and the BOS schedule. Mr. Bulman suggested the board run down the list and choose which project they would like to act as liaison on. Lisa Potts will distribute the list to the applicants so that the applicants are advised of the date scheduled for their hearing and, if they have any conflict, can contact Ms. Potts to try and accommodate an alternate heraig date. Mr. Bulman discussed the responsibilities of the liaisons, being meeting with applicants, reviewing the applications for eligibility and for content, and visiting sites, prior to the hearing dates, and being ready to present a summary of the application and their recommendation top the Members on the application. The liaisons for the respective applications were chosen as follows:

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| 1 | Jenkins Property | Frank Snow and Lisa Fenton |
| 2 | Ellis House | Harvey Gates |
| 3 | Kent Street / Maytime Trust | Paul Scott |
| 4 | Justice William Cushing Dallin Plaque | Harvey Gates |
| 5 | Scituate Lighthouse Books | Harvey Gates |
| 6 | Old Oaken Bucket House | Harvey Gates |
| 7 | Appleton Field Boundary  | Frank Snow |
| 8 | Hunter’s Pond / Dam  | John Bulman |
| 9 | Hollett Street Assessors Parcel  | Rich Lane |
| 10 | Teak Sherman Community Garden | John Bulman |
| 11 | Softball Field  | Rich Lane and Paul Scott |
| 12 | Higgins MacAllister Property  | Frank Snow and Lisa Fenton |
| 13 | Henry Turner Bailey Road | Rich Lane and Frank Snow |
| 14 | Bates Lane Parking Area  | John Bulman |
| 15 | Hick’s Swamp  | Bill Limbacher and George Trafton |
| 16 | Scituate Historical Bike Trail  | George Trafton and Harvey Gates |

 Lisa Potts will set up the spreadsheet with all the contacts and liaisons and hearing dates, and send out to the Board and notify all applicants. Once this is completed, Ms. Potts will also send messages to the appropriate Town Committees (dependant upon the application category) for their consideration and any input they might elect to provide for the CPC’s consideration in its review of the applications (Planning, Conservation, Water Resources, Historical). Mr. Bulman discussed the amount of time given for each hearing. Mr. Trafton asked Mr. Bulman if he had any questions of eligibility on the applications. Mr. Bulman ran through the list again and stated that if it is property, real property it qualifies. Mr. Bulman spoke to Mr. Gates about the need to determine historical significance as a threshold issue for eligibility of funding any historical applications. Mr. Bulman spoke to Lisa Potts regarding sending the Historical Commission the applications for the Historical sites, asking the members to review the applications, give any input or opinion on the project and forward any recommendations regarding the applications to the CPC for their consideration. Mr. Bulman spoke about the land projects, regarding open space applications. These should be sent to the Planning Board, the Water Resources and Conservation Commission. Recreation applications should be directed to Recreation Commission. Mr. Bulman stated that he would need any recommendations prior to January 1, 2011. Mr. Judge introduced himself to the Board and spoke about how the Advisory Board tries to send liaisons to committee meetings.

V. Old Business

1. Mr. Limbacher was not present at the meeting but Mr. Bulman discussed the CPC signs. Mr. Scott is going to make a list of the projects that need signs, the size and the locations, and Mr. Bulman will give the go ahead on the production of the signs.
2. The Crosbie Property: Mr. Snow asked if there was any news on the grant for the Crosbie Property. Mr. Bulman was in touch with the EEA last week and was told that there would be a decision any day. Mr. Bulman mentioned that we are going to need an extension on the closing date either way. The survey will be done fairly quickly so that the Town should be bale to close late December or early January. Mr. Bulman added provisions to the RFP for the survey for picking up flagging by others and overlay of wetland boundaries form information provided by the conservation commission files. Cynde Robbins had a question about the boundaries. Mr. Bulman clarified that the prior south swamp-mapping project delineated the wetlands, but did not show title and ownership to parcels of unknown owners. Ms. Robbins asked when Mr. Bulman thought he would see the proposals. Mr. Bulman stated that the proposals were due November 14, 2011. He is hoping to see them this week. Mr. Bulman stated he would like to see the survey done soon. Mr. Bulman stated that the cost for the survey wouldn’t be reimbursed if we didn’t get grant approval, or if we performed the survey before we had a grant agreement.

At 7:48 pm there was a MOTION by Mr. Snow to adjourn, SECONDED my Mr. Trafton. There being no further discussion, it was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7-0 to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa J. Potts