

Community Preservation Committee
Rockport Police Station
May 10, 2016
-Minutes-

Present: Chair, Ruth George; Vice Chair, Phil Crotty; Steve DeMarco; Treasurer, Mel Michaels; Bruce Reed; Mary Ann Lash; Ed Hand; Bethany Brosnon; Jim Ugone

Straitsmith Island

Straitsmith Island Committee presented their application to build a ramp. They have consulted potential contractors who agree the site the Committee picked is the best area for a ramp. Their plan is to get the permitting done between now and the end of the year. If CPC funds are approved, they would begin work in the spring of 2017. The ramp would allow boats to land safely, and kayaks to come ashore. Right now it is unsafe to transport people to the island. The ramp would make it more accessible to Rockport residents. The Committee briefly described how the ramp will be built.

Mr. DeMarco suggested it might be better to apply for the ramp under the “open space” category rather than “historic preservation.” The members of the Committee were amenable to this.

Mr. Michaels reported Straitsmith has two outstanding balances totaling \$57,000. The Committee stated they will finish the interior of the Straitsmith House this summer.

Pigeon Cove Fire Station

Next up was the second review of the renovation of the Pigeon Cove Fire Station. Mr. DeMarco recused himself because he presented the application.

Mr. DeMarco passed out a budget outlining costs for the renovation of the station. He broke down the costs on the budget. His was a worse case scenario so there will be no surprises. All the work will be done on the outside of the building. DPW may be able to do some of the work. The Fire Department has pretty much taken control of this project because they feel the time is now to start work on the station. The Department will act as procurement agents for the town. They will form a design and selection committee to go through a public process for hiring a consultant to develop the documents. Also, they will provide Clerk of the Works with no expense to the town to oversee the project. They will interface with DPW. If another site is found in the future, the station could possibly be used as a museum and preserve the building. Mr. DeMarco said they have looked at many sites for the station but none of them have worked for various reasons.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Michaels passed out his report. He reported if the Committee funds all the projects, there will be \$137,743 to carry forward as a reserve. There was discussion about what the Committee should keep in reserve and which projects should be funded. Ms. George pointed out it is ultimately the town people's decision to decide which projects to fund.

Mr. Michaels asked the Committee to e-mail their questions to him before meetings so he is better prepared to answer them.

Ms. George remarked she had talked to Selectperson Battistelli about needing a Selectperson present at CPC meetings.

Mr. Crotty reported the twelve CPC signs are done. He listed where he plans to place them. It was agreed six months would be a good amount of time to leave them up.

MOTION:

Mr. Reed moved to approve the March minutes, Mr. DeMarco seconded, vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

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It was agreed that in the future, CPC projects will be presented only at Fall Town Meeting because Spring Town Meeting is primarily devoted to budget issues.

MOTION:

Mr. DeMarco moved to adjourn, Mr. Crotty seconded. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Submitted by: Lynn Murphy