

Community Preservation Committee

Minutes

Meeting: June 11, 2013

Place: Rockport Police Department

Next Meeting: July 09, 2013 7:00pm at police station.

Attending: Mary Francis, MaryAnn Lash, Ruth George, Bethany Brosnan, Julie McMahon, Pat Edgerton, Stephen DeMarco

Absent: Mel Michaels, Paul Sena

Mary Francis, Chair, opened the meeting and the floor to anyone who would like to make a comment on any issues. Mary spoke regarding the application outline for the night's meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the protocol of the voting on the applications. Input from the absent members will be heard before the applications are voted on.

APPLICATION DECISIONS –

ACTION INC., - AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS

Application is made in the amount of \$100,000.00.

MaryAnn Lash opened the motion to accept the application, Stephen DeMarco seconded. Application accepted as is. Julie McMahon questioned where the funding would be obtained. All committee members present accepted the application. Mary indicated that both of the absent members also supported the application. Stephen DeMarco spoke with regard to the length of time the CPC committee would support the application. Ruth George also spoke with regard to the length of time and limitations on accepting yearly applications. Mary indicated that now the affordable housing in Rockport is extremely limited and that the programs offered by Action, Inc. are the only viable support to keep families in their existing homes. Further discussion ensued. Stephen DeMarco asked if the committee has the information as to how long the families maintain their homes long after they have left the program. Pat Edgerton spoke regarding a fund for affordable housing that would make Rockport appealing to a potential developer. Additional discussion ensued. ***Mary requested a vote on the application. All members (including absentee) were in favor. Application accepted.***

GLOUCESTER HOUSING AUTHORITY – CAPE ANN HOME OWNERSHIP CENTER

Application requested in the amount of \$6,816.00.

Ruth George opened a motion to accept the application, Stephen DeMarco seconded. Further discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of the program. Mary discussed with the committee the benefits of this program as explained in the application. These funds

will only be used for Rockport clients who are ineligible for any other programs. Additional discussion followed. *Mary requested a vote on the application. All members (including absentee) were in favor. Application accepted.*

THACHER ISLAND ASSOCIATION - FRESNEL LENS APPLICATION.

Application is made in the amount of \$10,000.00

Julie McMahon opened a motion to accept the application, Ruth George seconded. Discussion followed regarding the application. MaryAnn Lash spoke regarding encouraging Gloucester to also support the historical Rockport projects. *Mary requested a vote on the application. All members (including absentee) were in favor. Application accepted.*

THACHER ISLAND ASSOCIATION – STRAITSMOUTH LIGHT HOUSE RESTORATION

Application is made in the amount of \$25,000.00

Stephen DeMarco opened a motion to accept the application for, Ruth George seconded. MaryAnn Lash spoke regarding the amount of time and labor invested on a volunteer basis to accomplish the tasks. Julie McMahon spoke regarding the amount of time invested by the applicants trying to acquire additional and outside funding. Further discussion followed. Ruth George suggested that the town offer this project as a highlight to the State CPC office. *Mary requested a vote on the application. All members (including absentee) were in favor. Application accepted.*

TOWN OWNED ART – RESTORATION OF ARTWORK AND SCULPTURES.

Application is made in the amount of \$34,999.00.

Pat Edgerton spoke regarding other opportunities to elicit funding for this project. Additional discussion followed. *Mary requested a vote on the application. All members (including absentee) were in favor. Application accepted.*

HISTORIC COMMISSION APPLICATION – TO EXTEND THE BEAR SKIN NECK HARBOR & DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Application is made in the amount of \$30,000.00

Bethany Brosnan opened a motion to accept the application, Pat Edgerton seconded. Stephen DeMarco spoke with regard to the meeting with the Selectmen regarding this project. He explained that the Historic Committee is required to follow the protocol set up by the State of Massachusetts. Stephen further explained that this is not a new idea; much of the work has already been started. MaryAnn Lash questioned the amount of time and work invested gaining the towns support. Stephen DeMarco explained that it is imperative for the Town residents to understand the benefits of this project. Julie

McMahon questioned the protocol and whether or not it will cause discussion at Town Meeting. She further asked whether or not the Historic Committee would reach out to the Planning Board and other town groups for support. Additional discussion followed regarding the project. ***MaryAnn Lash opened an amendment to reduce the requested amount by \$10,000.00, motion not seconded.*** Pat Edgerton asked when the balance of the work would begin if the funding was approved. Stephen DeMarco explained that the Historic Committee and that Wendy Frontiero (outside Administrative support) were ready to go. He further explained that there are at least fifty properties without any documentation. ***Mary requested a vote on the application. All members (including absentee) were in favor, with the exception of MaryAnn Lash. Application accepted.***

ROCKPORT DPW - AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING

Application is made in the amount of \$113,000.00

Discussion began regarding the scope of the application; to replace rotting wood, roofing and gutters and all exterior components of the building including materials. Stephen DeMarco and Ruth George spoke regarding public access and use of the building. MaryAnn Lash spoke regarding the DPW's only concern is the restoration/preservation of the structure. Additional discussion followed. Ruth George opened a motion to accept the application, Pat Edgerton seconded. Stephen DeMarco suggested *adjusting the motion with the stipulation that the revised grant agreement includes enhanced access and use of the building by the public.* ***Mary requested a vote on the application. All members (including absentee) were in favor. Application accepted.***

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – TRUST FUND INVESTMENT

Application is being made in the amount of \$100,000.00

Stephen DeMarco opened a motion to deny the application, Pat Edgerton seconded. Mary offered a statement from Mel Michaels indicating that the balance in the account was currently \$134,609.00 due to a recent acquisition on 6/3/13. Stephen DeMarco withdrew his motion. Julie McMahon spoke regarding Con. Comm. providing a written notice to the committee when a parcel has been designated for purchase when CPC funding is being utilized both the committee and the Town should be advised. Additional discussion followed. Julie McMahon opened a motion to accept the application, Stephen DeMarco seconded. Application accepted. ***Mary requested a vote on the application. All members (including absentee) were in favor. Application accepted.***

ROCKPORT DPW – PINGREE TENNIS COURTS

Application is made in the amount of \$100,000.00

Ruth George opened a motion to accept the application for \$100,000.00, Stephen DeMarco seconded. Stephen DeMarco spoke with regard to whether or not the type of resurfacing has been established. Additional conversation ensued. ***Mary requested a vote on the application. All members (including absentee) were in favor. Application accepted.***

ROCKPORT DPW –FRIENDS OF MATT WADDELL SKATEBOARD PARK

Application is made in the amount of \$44,911.35

Stephen DeMarco opened a motion to accept the application, MaryAnn Lash seconded. Application accepted. Discussion followed regarding the project. ***Mary requested a vote on the application. All members (including absentee) were in favor. Application accepted.***

MILLBROOK MEADOW COMMITTEE -

Application is made in the amount of \$120,000.00

MaryAnn Lash opened a motion to accept the application, Pat Edgerton seconded. Mary spoke to the importance of the study that is being proposed, as the Town will always have the information in its possession. Stephen DeMarco indicated that CPC funding would not be utilized until 2014. Stephen DeMarco further addressed the total of \$370,000.00, which will be requested from CPC. Mary Francis also spoke regarding the proposed use of CPC money. Julie McMahon spoke regarding how the feasibility study would map out for the public the overall scope of the project. She expressed her opinion that Phase II and III should not be funded prematurely. A motion was opened by Julie McMahon to approve \$60,000.00 for design and development and sediment testing, MaryAnn Lash seconded. Stephen DeMarco spoke to the permitting timeline. Additional discussion followed regarding the project and necessary protocol. *Stephen DeMarco opened an amendment to Julie McMahon's motion to approve the \$100,000.00 with the stipulation that no dredging permitting is acquired until the completion of the feasibility study.* Ruth George seconded the amendment. Mary requested a vote to accept the amendment. **Five members voted yay, two voted nay. Amendment carried.**

May Meeting Minutes- motion given by Julie McMahon and seconded by Pat Edgerton. Minutes were accepted with revisions. ***Carried. Stephen DeMarco abstained due to his absence from the meeting.***

Calendar for 2013 Application Review:

July – review and acceptance of balance of applications, assign rationales, review of Julie McMahon’s notes.

August – possibly no meeting

A motion to adjourn the meeting was brought by Ruth George. Stephen DeMarco seconded. **Carried.**