

Community Preservation Committee

Minutes

Meeting: July 9, 2013

Place: Rockport Police Department

Next Meeting: August 13, 2013 7:00pm at police station.

Attending: Mary Francis, MaryAnn Lash, Mel Michaels, Ruth George, Bethany Brosnan, Julie McMahon, Paul Sena, Pat Edgerton.

Absent: Stephen DeMarco

Guests: Millard Ring – Skate Board Park Committee

Larry Neal – Conservation Commission

Mary Francis, Chair, opened the meeting and the floor to anyone who would like to make a comment on any issues. She opened the floor to Millard Ring.

Conversation ensued regarding the need for additional money for the Matt Waddell skate park than what was initially proposed. The amount now needed, \$55,200, reflects increase of wages and a contingency fund. Mary asked for any comments on the new request. Ruth George made a motion to reopen the application and approve the new request. Bethany Brosnan seconded. All in favor of increased amount, application accepted.

Mary spoke with regard to request a follow-up from Con Com. regarding when money is spent and how it was allocated. Larry Neal was introduced and spoke with regard to the report created by Mel Michaels and the Con Com committee. He explained all of the details of the report. Larry further identified what parcels are selected for purchase and preservation by the town and how the process takes place. Additional conversation ensued regarding each individual parcel acknowledged for purchase. Mary asked how the particular funds are tasked for each parcel. Mel Michaels and Larry Neal explained that each parcel is evaluated on a case-by-case basis as to how the purchase will be funded. Mel Michaels explained that the Con Com would accept suggestions from anyone in town as to a parcel that should be protected. Additional conversation ensued regarding presenting an article by the town for the town regarding the importance of protecting property for perpetuity. Mary thanked Larry Neal for his time.

TREASURER'S REPORT –

Mel Michaels spoke regarding the total amount approved as \$820,595.96 for the current applications, which have been accepted for funding this year. Conversation continued regarding CPC policies being carried from year to year. Mary asked if the committee was happy with the amount approved. Ruth George made a motion to accept the

appropriations reflected on page 2 in the Treasurer's report of July 9, 2013. Maryann Lash seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion. *Carried.*

Mary addressed the need for rationale write-ups for each of the applications that have been approved. Stephen DeMarco has volunteered to do Straitsmouth Light, Fresnel Lens, Historic Commission. Julia McMahon will do the Tennis Courts and Skate park proposals, Ruth George will do Gloucester Housing & Action, Inc., Pat Edgerton will do Millbrook, Bethany Brosnan will do Town Arts, and Maryann Lash will do Con. Com.. Paul Sena will do Legion.

Mary reviewed the necessary verbiage and information needed for the rationales. She advised the committee that the rationales were due no later than the end of July.

Town Meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2013. 7:00 p.m.

Mary opened the floor to Julia McMahon for review of her suggestions to the Conservation Commission, DPW and other entities conducting land, property or deed restriction acquisitions using Rockport CPC funds. Mel Michaels asked for confirmation of exactly who would be included. Open discussion was shortened and Mary suggested that the format be held over for the next meeting.

June meeting minutes- motion was given by Ruth George and seconded by Julia McMahon. Minutes were accepted with revisions. Paul Sena abstained due to his absence at the meeting. *Carried.*

Calendar for 2013 Application Review:

August – will remain open on the agenda for any emergency committee issues.

September – Town Meeting (committee will meet at 6:30)

October – workshop for future CPC applicants who need assistance.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was brought by Ruth George. Maryann Lash seconded. *Carried.*