

CPC Committee Minutes 5-13-2014

Rockport Police Station 7:00 PM

Members Present: Ruth George (Chair), Maryann Lash, Phil Crotty, Julie McMahon, Mel Michaels, Stephen DeMarco, Ed Hand

Not Present: Paul Sena, Bethany Brosnan

1. Ruth George opens meeting with committee introductions.

2. Follow-up Presentations for 2014 Application Reviews:

A. First Baptist Church: Requesting \$120,000 for overall cost of \$120,000. Project is to install fire prevention system. Presented by Mathew Wigton, Pastor and Frank Levesque, Chair of church board. Applicants brought in bids for fire alarm and sprinkler systems. Estimates range from \$15,300 to \$17,500 for alarm system and \$54,000 to \$98,000 for sprinkler system. The church is prepared to contribute \$8,000 to project cost. May require an additional \$4,000-\$5,000 to upgrade water line. Cost should come in well below the \$120,000 originally requested. Applicants are advised that if funded, they would be required to sign a grant agreement stipulating a historic preservation restriction on the property that would disallow any changes to exterior of building. Ruth George will inquire of Linda Sanders how the historic preservation restrictions have been handled in the past.

B. Rockport Art Association: Requesting \$137,130 for overall cost of \$148,820. Project is to provide handicap accessibility pathway, drainage, tree removal. Presented by Bill Balzarini, Carol Linsky. Proponents bring in bids. The cost estimate for the project remains the same. Mel Michaels asks if the RAA can make larger contribution. Proponents respond that they paid for the survey, half of consulting and half in-kind donations. Plot plant donated by Tree House Design. Most of their endowment is restricted for use. Upgrading the buildings to handicap accessibility is a benefit to the entire community. RNB vote on easement is referenced in their January minutes but have not yet received legal documentation. Further discussion about whether RAA has a historic preservation restriction put in place from the last CPC funding they received. Ruth George to inquire status of Linda Sanders.

C. Millbrook Meadow Committee: Requesting \$250,000 for overall project cost of \$790,000(to be updated). For Phase 4 Construction of the Millbrook Meadow and Mill Pond Restoration Project. Presented by Sam Coulbourn and Shannon Mason of the Millbrook Meadow Committee (John Sparks has been hospitalized), Gunilla Caulfield and Tim Corrigan of the Millbrook Meadow Conservancy, Eric Hutchins, advisor, and Joe Parisi, DPW Dir. Updates: the consultants, Milone and MacBroom, have been in the field and are preparing for the May 21 public visioning session where they will present some of their recently collected baseline data and be looking for public input on the project. They hope to have a more comprehensive summary of findings available later in the summer. Shannon Mason reports on a PARC grant proposal that they are working on that could provide up to \$400,000 but would require the town to authorize full cost of project to be eligible for funding. The town article would be contingent on the town's receiving the grant so the town would not be on the hook for the full cost if the grant were not awarded.

Discussion of need for better signage and entranceway to meadow and ways to draw in more public opinion on direction of project. The need to address upstream pollution in conjunction with meadow restoration was also highlighted.

D. Rockport Housing Partnership: Requesting \$400,000 for estimated project cost of \$400,000 to add to Rockport's affordable housing stock. No proponents present. Ruth George explains that conflict of interest prevents several members from appearing before CPC (Linda Sanders, Bob Visnick, Loreen Wessel) and other members not available. CPC members discuss the difficulty of giving funds to an organization that it isn't able to meet with the principal members. Committee members also have concerns with the low amount of detail in the application on how the funding would actually be used and no plan for raising funds from other sources outside of CPC.

3. Acceptance of April Minutes: Stephen DeMarco makes motion to approve March minutes as amended. Ed Hand seconds motion. Unanimous vote with 7 members voting.

4. Treasurer Updates: Mel Michaels hands out updated report. Very little activity since last report. \$25M bonus to CPA funds is still alive in the 2015 legislative budget process. \$1,445,435 in funds available. Total requests and obligations (including bond payments) of \$1,660,990. Mel Michaels is waiting to receive bills from Scout Hall project before he can sign-off on final project payments. \$60,000 to be transferred from Community House project. Stephen DeMarco moves to accept treasurer's report. Ed Hand seconds motion. Unanimous vote with 7 members voting.

5. Housekeeping Issues: Ruth George is still looking into ability to hire part-time secretary for meetings. Stephen DeMarco says the Historical Commission would be interested in sharing a secretary.

6. CPC Town Website – No action or discussion

7. New Business: – No action or discussion

8. Other: – No action or discussion

9. Next Meeting Scheduled for June 10th, 2014

Voting on 2014 projects and assignment of project justifications for town meeting warrant preparation.

10. Meeting Adjourns: Mel Michaels moves to adjourn meeting. Maryann Lash seconds motion. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.