

CPC meeting
Rockport Police Station
11/10/15
7pm

Present: R. George (Chairperson), P. Crotty (Vice-Chairperson) M. Michaels, J. McMahon, B. Brosnan, E. Hand, B. Reed, M. Lash

Not Present: S. DeMarco

Ruth opened the meeting by explaining this was an open meeting to talk about CPC's process for the coming year. Applications have to be submitted, stamped, copied, and in the the town clerk's office by 2/1/16. Ruth further explained that CPC applications have to fall into specific categories. These are historic preservation, community housing, and open space and recreation. CPC funds cannot be used for maintenance.

Ruth invited the Toad Hall people to the table. Ray Francora introduced herself, Susan Beatty, and Trish Roach. Susan and Ray are on the board at Toad Hall. Susan described their rather unique situation because the building is privately owned and in a trust. There would have to be special stipulations because of this. Ruth will talk to CPC in Boston for clarification.

Dave Rash from Toad Hall talked about the extensive work that needs to be done to the Toad Hall building. CPC cannot do maintenance but they can help with historic preservation. Toad Hall has no other funding. The Committee explained it is very important to show there is community support to preserve this historic building. The Committee gave them suggestions on how to accomplish this. There was more discussion, and the Committee provided them with guidelines for application, as well as answering all their questions. Ruth offered many good ideas to include in their application.

Ruth said her Letters to the Editor had not made it into the paper. She hopes to meet with the new Rockport liason to give an interview about the application process.

P. Crotty suggested putting an ad in the Gloucester Times and the Beacon. M. Michaels moved to authorize up to \$500.00 total to be split between the two papers. Phil will write the ad, and have it approved by Ruth. B. Reed seconded, the vote was 9-0 in favor.

J. McMahon made a motion to approve October minutes, M. Michaels seconded, the vote was 8-0 in favor with M. Lash abstaining because she had not received the minutes to read.

M. Michaels passed out the Treasurer's Report.

P. Crotty gave a brief update on Granite Pier. It appears the Army Corps of Engineers is interested in the project after receiving the study which was done by a consultant hired by DPW. Subsequently, the Corps has appointed a project manager to go forward with the consideration of the project. Mel pointed out that any study paid for by the town needs to have a copy both in the library and the town clerk's office for all to read.

Julie will update last year's application on the computer.

Next meeting will be on 12/8/15. The second Tuesday of the month seems to work well for everyone. Ruth will send out a timeline to all members.

Phil informed us that he is attending a training on the town's new website.

Everyone agreed Front Beach looks great.

Ruth has not heard from Millbrook Meadows.

Ruth said she would find out who our Selectman liason is.

Mel made a motion to adjourn, Phil seconded, vote was 8-0.

