

Community Preservation Committee

Meeting Report for May 13, 2014

Gloucester Community Preservation Committee

Members attending: J.J. Bell, Sandy Ronan, Charlie Crowley, John Feener, Joe Orlando,

Bill Dugan, Scott Smith, Stacy Randell, David Rhineland

Staff: Debbie Laurie, Community Development Staff

1. The meeting began at 6:00 pm. The minutes of the March 25, 2014 Committee meeting and the two Public Hearings on April 14, 2014 and April 16, 2014 were approved.

2. Ms. Laurie provided updates on projects under agreement from 2010-2013:

- 2010 - Mr. Feener contacted Jim Schoel regarding the unfinished project at the GHS. Mr. Feener is offering the advise him so that the environment is properly planted; he will wait to hear from him. The Conservation permit will expire soon.
- 2010-2013 - City Hall is moving along; the windows and ADA lift will be finished by July 31st.
- 2012-2013 - Phyllis A. is still waiting to get on dry dock to move forward with the project awards from these 2 years
- 2013 - all projects moving ahead. The bike club hired Hancock, but has not received written support from Mark Cole due to the many questions about maintenance. The Magnolia Library and Community Center got the engineering study done, but has not billed yet.

3. Ms. Laurie reported that signs were up at the Rocky Neck Community Art Center, the dog park, and the Cape Ann Museum. She will pursue the Sargent House putting one up on Main Street. Charlie Crowley suggested that she look into Seaside Graphics for making signs in the future.

4. Public Land/ Private Organization

J.J. Bell reported that Suzanne Egan suggested that the DPW be a part of the planning of these types of projects. This would be along with both the P&D and B&F committees of the City Council. DPW is intrinsically involved with the maintenance issues. Sandy and J.J. met with DPW and heard their concerns regarding a decrease in manpower, money, supplies, and who opens and closes these facilities where relevant. We talked about applicants in this category getting DPW to look at their maintenance plans and budgets, and to sign off; this would be on the Eligibility Form.

5. Discussion of Round 5 Applications

There was a lively discussion about all 17 applications followed by a preliminary straw vote by each committee member including a suggested amount for an award. This vote is not binding at all, but rather used as a way to move us forward in our deliberations. We will continue this discussion at our next meeting and refine and/or revise our votes. In general we were looking at the priorities for each applicant group, what other support has been sought and is likely, how many times the applicants have asked for CPA money, how much public support has been demonstrated for the projects, how much public access the projects provide, and how well organized and thorough the applications are.

Charlie Crowley made an interesting suggestion that perhaps various applicants who have experience with such applications could mentor others who have less. We want to be supportive to a range of applicants, including those first timers and more experienced ones.

6. The next meeting will be June 17, 2014 and perhaps followed by a second if needed on June 24, 2014 so that we can take a final vote on the CPA awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Sandra Ronan, Co-chair,

