

Community Preservation Committee

Minutes of August 19, 2014 Meeting

Members Present: J.J. Bell, Sandy Ronan, John Feener, Bill Dugan and Stacy Randell

Members Absent: Joe Orlando, Charlie Crowley, Scott Smith, David Rhinelander

Staff Present: Debbie Laurie, Senior Project Manager

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM by Sandy Ronan, Co-Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the June 24, 2014 meeting were approved, motion by John Feener, second by Bill Dugan.

Update on Rounds 1-4

Deb Laurie gave a brief update on the projects still being completed for Round 1-4. Of special note are the facts that John Feener will be doing the planting after Labor Day at the Environmental Adventure Center. Also, it noted that Steve Winslow has indicated that the Community Development Department will not be needing the \$15,000 previously awarded for appraisals and surveys in the North Gloucester Woods. J.J. Bell and Sandy Ronan also reported on a meeting they had with Suzanne Eagan and Tom Balf, Ex. Dir. of Maritime Heritage, regarding the preservation easement being part of the award to Maritime Heritage for the restoration of the Mill Building. Suzanne revised the easement to limit the restriction to the Mill Building and to have any future alterations to it be reviewed by the Historic District Commission to make certain the alterations are sensitive to the historic character of the building.

Recent Meeting at B and F

Sandy Ronan reported that the first round of presentations from some of recommended awardees to the B and F subcommittee of the City Council were August 7th, 2014 and went well. The next B and F meeting will be August 21, 2014 at which time a second group of recommended awardees will be presenting. The last group of recommended awardees will be presenting to B and F on September 4, 2014. John Feener pointed out it was good to have representation from the CPC at these meeting, which we do, in order to let the recommended awardees know that the CPC is supporting them through the process.

Update on the Round 5 Annisquam Woods Property

J.J. received an e-mail from Gregg Catematori, City Planner, indicating that the Conservation Commission had received a City Council vote authorizing the expenditure of up to \$500,000, contingent upon being reimbursed by ECGB, an award of a State

Land Grant and CPA funds, which vote will assist the Conservation Commission and Greenbelt closing on the 27 acres Annisquam Woods property before all of the funding sources become available. Greg indicated a favorable site visit by the State, who stated that there were fewer applications for Land Grants this year.

Public Relations

J.J. Bell passed around suggested topics for awardees to use as a guideline for writing letters to the editor and My View Columns, indicating what CPA funds have done for them in Gloucester. Stacy Randell will parcel out the list of contacts to the CPC and ask everyone to contact someone of that list.

Vote to Rescind the North Woods Appraisal and Survey Award of \$15,000

It was move by Stacy Randell, seconded by Sandy Ronan and voted 5-0 to rescind the award to the Community Development Department for \$15,000 and return such funds to the open space reserve, the account from which it came.

Succession

We spoke briefly about the need to appoint a new chairperson or chairpersons, as J.J. and Sandy's terms are expiring in February of 2015.

Motion to Adjourn/Next Meeting

The next CPC meeting being scheduled for September 30, 2014, Stacy made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by John Feener and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

J.J.