

Gloucester Community Preservation Committee

Minutes for December 2, 2014

Members Present: J.J. Bell, Sandy Ronan, Scott Smith, Stacy Randell, Bill Dugan, David Rhineland, Charles Crowley

Members Absent: John Feener, Joe Orlando

Staff Present: Debbie Laurie, Senior Project Manager

The meeting was opened by J.J. Bell, Co-Chair at 6:00PM

1. The minutes from the October 21, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Bill Dugan and a second by J.J. Bell.
2. Deb Laurie gave an update on projects from Rounds 1-4: Round 1, 2010 projects are all complete except the Gloucester High School one, which is now scheduled to be complete this coming spring when final planting can be done, Round 2, 2011 projects are all complete, Round 3, 2012 projects are complete except we are still waiting for a signed preservation easement agreement from The Maritime Heritage Center and the Phyllis A.'s work is in progress, Round 4, 2013 projects are mostly completed with a few exceptions. The Magnolia Library needs to finish the engineering plans, the Magnolia Historical Society needs to make its final report, sign a preservation agreement, and submit a final invoice for the balance of funding, the Matto's Field project also needs to send a final invoice, the Gloucester Skate Park is complete but will have some more greenery added in the spring, and the Committee for the Arts is going out to bid for the restoration of the murals, phase II.
3. All of the projects in Round 5 were approved unanimously by the City Council. Paul McGeary was very positive about CPA and these particular projects. Ken Costa will have the accounts ready and all of the agreements are out with the relevant restrictions.
4. The update on the status of the historic preservation easement agreements is as follows: the CPC is currently waiting for signed agreements from Maritime Heritage, Ocean Alliance, and Magnolia Historical Society. Also a Memorandum of Understanding between the CPC and the City of Gloucester Historical Commission is in the process of being adopted. The GHC reviews applications for community preservation funding if and to the extent required by the CPA statute to determine

whether or not the property is historically significant. The GHC also has the expertise to review plans for the alteration of the historic properties and provide guidance as to whether these plans will negatively impact the historic attributes of the properties. The CPC can request that the GHC review grant recipients' plans for such alterations. The GHC has to vote when it next meets on accepting this MOU. Bill Dugan made a motion that the CPC vote to accept the MOU. Stacy Randell seconded the motion. The vote was 7 to 0 to accept the MOU. Regarding the preservation easements, Charlie had some concerns that they might effect the cost of projects, but Bill stated that they will protect the public funds.

5. The Newell Stadium remaining debt of \$78,000 will be paid off by February. It goes to B & F on December 11th and then onto the full council for the final vote.

6. The My Views are continuing to be submitted to the paper. They have been very good. Charlie stated he was not comfortable pursuing Ed Becker from Greenbelt to write one since we did not agree to give them more money.

7. Charlie brought up as "New Business" a question as to how we measure "in kind" contributions to projects by the City. He thinks somehow this definition should be more specific. Stacy's comment was that we need to be careful about being too rigid.

8. As J.J. Bell and Sandy Ronan are coming to the end of their terms in February, 2015, the subject of who would become co-chairs came up. Both Bill Dugan and Stacy Randell have expressed interest in taking this on. Next meeting this could come to a vote. Anyone else who is interested of course will be able to come forward.

9. Several CPC members moved that the meeting be adjourned which was at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sandra Ronan, Co-Chair.