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CITY OF GLOUCESTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Gloucester Community Preservation Committee Minutes from February 17, 2015

Members present: Bill Dugan and Stacy Randell, Co-chair, Charles Crowley, John Feener, David Rhinelander and Scott Smith. Staff: Debbie Laurie, Senior Project Manager, Community Development Department. Guest: Vanessa Johnson, Essex County Greenbelt

The meeting was opened at 6:10 p.m. by the Co-chairs.

1. Vanessa Johnson, Acting Director of Land Conservation of Essex County Greenbelt, spoke on her organization's off-cycle application regarding additional funding for the \$825,000 Annisquam Woods project. Greenbelt has already been awarded \$50,000 from CPC's last funding round, to acquire the 27.4 acres and has acquired \$775,000 in hand or in sight. She asked for an additiona grant of up to \$50,000 from CPC to complete the project, which will produce a protective public corridor from Washington Street via Hutchinson Court and Tufts Land and Dog Town Common.

On a motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Stacy Randell, the committee voted unanimously to provide up to \$50,000 as needed to complete the funding.

- 2. The minutes of the December 2, 2014, meeting was approved unanimously on a motion by Stacy Randell, seconded by Scott Smith.
- 3. Debbie Laurie reported all the round five projects still in the works are moving along. But, she said some of the recipients are not fulfilling the timetables they presented to the CPC and suggested the committee establish firm requirements for keeping on schedule.
- 4. Fourteen Eligibility Forms seeking a total of \$1,130,500 have been received for 2015, CPC's sixth round of requests. List attached. Debbie Laurie said the \$3,000 Gloucester Trailhead Sign Project proposal is not eligible for funding.
- 5. New Business: The attendance record of member Joe Orlando will be reported to the Mayor. He has missed six or more consecutive meetings and more than half the meetings in 2014. Under the City Charter, his seat is now vacant.
- 6. CPC's next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24rh at 6 p.m. in City Hall.
- 7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on a motion by Scott Smith, seconded by Charlie Crowley and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, David H. Rhinelander