

## **Community Preservation Committee Meeting of January 19, 2011**

Place: Town Hall

6:30 p.m. meeting called to order by Chairman Lucas

### **A. Quorum/Attendance –**

Members in Attendance: Chairman Lucas, William Markey, Terrence Meredith, Frank Rezendes, James Souza, Jay Simmons, Ann Richard and Cynthia McNaughten. Quorum present noted by Chairman Lucas.

Member(s) not in Attendance: Carol Tyson.

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

### **B. Acceptance of Minutes –**

Cynthia McNaughten and Chairman Lucas – noted several corrections.

James Souza motioned accept the minutes of December 15, 2010 as ammended. Frank Rezendes seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

### **C. Bills -**

1. William Roth –Mileage - \$158.50

Terrence Meredith motioned to pay this bill. William Markey seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

2. Thomas P. Crotty & Associates -Long Rd. Land Purchase – Legal Fees -- \$3,546.90

James Souza motioned to pay this bill. Frank Rezendes seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

### **D. FY 2012 CPC APPLICATIONS Reviews**

William Roth – Reviewed a revised request from Paul Kitchen, Fairhaven School Department. Since they were not awarded the MSBA Green Projects Grant they have requested to move forward with the north and south gabel and the stain glass windows. The revised request is for \$208,150. Request email was handed out.

#### **Fairhaven High School Request:**

Chairman Lucas – Questioned if the \$121,000 was for the stained glass and the leaded glass as well. After further review of the original request packet it was determined that it did include both types of windows. Clarification as to priorities would also be needed.

Ann Richard – Ask if an inquiry with the Ethics Commission had been made to see if she could vote on the School project, since she was an employee.

William Roth – I did not contact the Ethics Commission.

Ann Richard – Indicated that she would contact them to get a ruling.

**Wolf Island Road Project:**

William Roth – Mr. Allen Decker with the Coalition for Buzzards Bay is here to update the CPC on his project request.

Allen Decker, Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) – Passed out a map identifying the land purchase area. Mr. Brendan Annett and I met last Friday with Bob Cole, Mattapoisett Assessor to discussed the property and how it would be assessed if the Town of Fairhaven was to own it. Mr. Cole indicated that the Town has a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PIOLT) Agreement. This property would be assessed and most likely be added to the PIOLT but that would need to be negotiated between the two Towns. The Coalition for Buzzards Bay is currently the owner and our tax bill for FY11 was \$835.89. However, the CBB can file a State Tax Form 3 and be exempt from taxes. In addition, we contacted Rochester and asked about the Rochester parcel and I was told that Marion owned property for water supply and were not taxed. Therefore, the Town may also fall under that category. A second option the CBB is exploring, is that the Town would purchase a Conservation Restriction (CR) to be held by the BPW as the Water Commissioners. I have spoken to Bill Fitzgerald and he felt the BPW Board would be in favor of that because of the tax issues the Town is currently having with Mattapoisett over its current parcels.

William Roth – Can the Buzzards Bay Mini Grant the BPW currently has be amended from fee ownership to a CR?

Allen Decker – We are looking into this with them.

William Roth – You may want to look into if the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District could own property and be tax exempt, that may be another option.

Allen Decker – I will look into that. Are there any other questions from the Committee?

William Roth – Reviewed the CPC financial handout on existing and estimated revenue.

Cynthia McNaughten – Do we have to fund a project in each category?

William Roth – No, however, you have to reserve for future appropriation, a minimum of 10% for each category.

Cynthia McNaughten – I am still questing the Housing Authority request. Why does a building that was built in 1989 need so much work? I have shingle siding on my house that is considerable older and is still in good condition.

Jay Simmons – The overall project for the six units is \$224,000, and these are repairs that are recommended and partially funded by the State, DHCD.

General discussion on the project ensued by the Committee.

Chairman Lucas – Does anybody have any more questions or comments on the proposals?

The Committee did not have any more questions or comments.

William Roth – Reviewed the CPC budget and indicated that figures between line items had been switched; however, the overall budget is identical to last year.

The Committee reviewed the budget and did not have any questions or comments.

**E. Discuss CPA Conference April 2, 2011**

William Roth – In your packet was an invitation to the CPA Conference to be held at Bridgewater State University on April 2, 2011. I wanted to know who wanted to go, so I could send in one registration for the entire Committee.

Member who expressed interest in going were: Chairman Lucas, William Markey, Terrence Meredith, Frank Rezendes and Ann Richard.

**F. Other Business**

William Roth – I am interested in going to the American Planning Association (APA) National Conference, which is being held in Boston this year. I feel it is a great opportunity, especially since it is so close. The overall cost is approximately \$850 and I wanted to know if the Committee would support paying for half of the conference and I could cover the other half out of the Planning & Economic Development Department budget.

Discussion about the conference and session topics occurred.

Frank Rezendes motioned to pay \$425.00 of the APA Conference registration for William Roth. William Markey seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

**G. Next Meeting: February 17, 2011.**

William Roth – Indicated that the Committee, at their, December 15, 2010, meeting set the February 17, 2011 date.

Frank Rezendes - motioned to adjourn. James Souza seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

William D. Roth, Jr.  
Planning Director