

## **Community Preservation Committee Meeting of December 17, 2009**

PLACE: Town Hall

6:30 P.M. Meeting called to order by Chairman Lucas

**A. Quorum/Attendance** – Carol Tyson, James Souza and Marinus Vander Pol not in attendance.

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

### **B. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2009**

Terrence Meredith motioned to approve the minutes to the November 11, 2009 meeting with amendments. William Markey seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

### **C. Bills –**

- 1) Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Deshaies - \$1,708.00 – Legal work for Main Street Land Purchase

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

### **D. FY 2010 CPC APPLICATIONS REVIEW**

6:30pm: Housing Authority – Fire Alarms

Krisanne Sheedy - We are applying for assistance in installing radio master boxes as mandated by the Fire Department. It's also for upgrading the fire alarm system at some of our buildings. Our total for the entire project is \$84,000.00.

Chairman Lucas – There was talk about rounding this request off.

William Roth – I would recommend \$40,000.00.

Frank Rezendes – I recall in 2006, they needed an upgrade for audibility.

Krisanne Sheedy – I am not aware of that. I was not there in 2006.

Jay Simmons – As a representative of the Housing Authority, Kris jumps on problems right away.

6:40 pm: Millicent Library

Carolyn Longworth – The addition was put on in 1968. The rubber roof that's there was put on in 1986 with a ten year life expectancy. Our budget includes maintenance. However, during storms, the roof sags and the pitch is wrong. It's been patched many times. But, it's gotten to the point that it needs replacing.

Debbie Charpentier – The photos that you have shows what Carolyn was talking about. We've also had to put hoods on the elevator vent shafts because they're leaking.

Chairman Lucas – Does this include re-pitching the roof?

Debbie Charpentier – It does.

Chairman Lucas – You're looking for \$55,770.00, and that falls within all of your bids with no matching funds.

Debbie Charpentier – That's correct

6:50 pm: Fairhaven High School – Architectural Services Project

Paul Kitchen – We put out an RFS for architectural services to look at the structural integrity of the High School. We are looking for \$50,000.00 with the knowledge that the Town Hall design was \$75,000.00. I am going to ask the School Committee to match the funds. We have 15 respondents. We will rate their bids.

William Roth – They need to know by February.

Chairman Lucas – It's a big building and it probably needs a lot of work. Do you plan to phase the work?

Paul Kitchen – It's been phased already.

William Roth- If we become a certified green community, there will be a pool of \$10 Million to use for energy efficiency upgrades and other related improvements. It's refreshing that the School Committee is taking a proactive step.

7:00 pm: Nasketucket Fields CR – Coalition for Buzzards Bay

Brendan Annette – Our proposal is for acquisition of a conservation restriction of 38 acres in the Nasketucket Woods property. It would allow conservation protection of this property as well as protection of water quality, open space and recreational benefits. It also allows connectivity to wildlife habitat. This is part of a significant effort. It fills a void and is the logical next step.

William Roth – The \$125,000.00 that they’re asking is actually a matching grant application. So, the entire project is much larger.

Chairman Lucas – Is there a lot being cut out of the conservation restriction?

Brendan Annette – No.

William Roth – We should make sure that there are no easements by looking at some of the prior drawings. I would request that they do some research to that end.

7:10 pm: Long Road Scott Property (Map 24, Lot 2) – Ms. Johnson/Mr. Scott

Earl Scott – I have a piece of land of 13.6 acres on Long Road, that I would be willing to sell it to the town for \$65,000.00, if they vow to keep it open space. Right now, the Assessors have it assessed at well over \$500,000.00.

William Roth – My bids on the appraisal get back next week. It should be done right before the January 21, 2010 meeting.

William Markey – Can you hunt on that property?

Earl Scott – It isn’t posted that you can’t.

7:20 pm: Historical Commission – Academy Building Window Project

David Despres – We are applying for a grant of \$12,000.00 to repaint the front of the Academy Building and complete the installation of windows.

Jay Simmons – The historical commission runs the building?

David Despres – We’re responsible to keep it up.

Jay Simmons – What about the historical society?

David Despres – They run the museum and conduct tours.

Chairman Lucas – There’s no doubt the windows are in bad shape.

Jay Simmons – Seems like a worthy project.

Frank Rezendes – I’d like to get a second estimate.

David Despres – We are.

Frank Rezendes – The project includes purchasing and installing windows, right?

David Despres – Yes.

7:30 pm: Robichaud Property (Map 53, Lot 2) – Alfred Robichaud

Al Robichaud – We own a parcel of land on New Boston Road, which we farm. Our kids do not have any interest in farming so, we need to do something with it. We are wondering if there might be some Town interest in lieu of the fact that the adjacent land is owned by the Town. We're open to discussion. If there is some interest, wonderful, if not, so be it. We would much rather see it stay open than grow houses.

Chairman Lucas – This would be a very large purchase. It would need a lot more discussion than we can provide at this point. It was a brief application. We like to have supporting material. It was rather incomplete in my view. I would suggest that next year, you submit a more complete application.

Terrence Meredith – Was it assessed?

Al Robichaud – It was appraised at \$1.2 million. We needed a place to start.

William Roth - We have about \$350,000.00 a year to spend. 30% is already earmarked.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS –**

Mr. Roth provided an update as to the NSTAR purchase.

**F. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, January 21, 2010, 6:30 p.m.**

William Markey motioned to adjourn. Terrence Meredith seconded. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Pelland  
Secretary to the CPC