

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday December 9, 2003

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Noreen Couture - Chair (Historical)
Sheila Thompson - Vice Chair (Conservation)
Dorothy Kibbe - Secretary
John D. Flynn - (Planning Board)
John M. Flynn - Doug Boyd - Bob Burger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Forest - (Parks and Rec.)
Ben Bump - (Housing)

MINUTES:

MOTION: Was made by John M. Flynn to accept the minutes of the October 14th. Meeting.
SECOND: Doug Boyd
PASSED: Unanimous

OLD BUSINESS:

APPLICATION FORM: Project Submission Form drafted by Bob Burger (Requests For C.P.A. monies)

MOTION: Was made by John M. Flynn to accept the Application/request from.
SECOND: Dorothy Kibbe
PASSED: Unanimous

It was agreed that each department (Housing - Historical - Parks and Rec. - Planning Board - Conservation) will be given a copy (along with a cover letter.) The Selectmen will also be given a copy. A Public Notice (News Release) was also agreed upon to inform the community, as any Hampden citizen can make a request for CPA monies for a project that meets the requirements, not just the five departments.

FIVE YEAR TERM: Dorothy Kibbe handed out a letter that she requested from Mr. Chris Saccardi (Community Preservation Coalition) explaining the law as pertains to the CPA acceptance vote. This letter stated; There is no provision in the Act for an expiration of the CPA once it is accepted, either at the local or state level, so it has been interpreted by the Department of Revenue (DOR) and all of the adopting municipalities that, unless revoked, adoption of the CPA is permanent. Acceptance may be revoked, but the city or town must wait until at least 5 years after the referendum passes to do so.

The majority of the members agreed that as the 5 year date approaches, we will determine the best ways to inform the community of this option.

With further discussion, it was agreed that Doug Boyd would write a draft which, upon committee approval, would be sent to Senator Brian Lees and Representative Mary Rogeness to

ask the question; what State agency is ultimately responsible for the answers/law on matters pertaining to CPA.? John D. Flynn also brought up the question; after 5 years, does the government have to commit to a 5% matching?

NEW BUSINESS:

HISTORICAL: Noreen reported that the monies are available for Historical commission to pay their bills (Cemetery restoration).

HOUSING: Sheila Thompson and Dorothy Kibbe attended a board meeting at Centennial Commons (Housing) on November 20, at the invitation of Christine Evans (Housing Authority) In doing so, we opened the lines of communication. Ben Bump will be the representative on the Community Preservation Committee for Housing. Cecile Melville will fill in for Ben during the months of January, February, and March.

MOTION: Was made by John M. Flynn to adjourn.

SECOND: Bob Burger

PASSED: Unanimous

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday - January 6, 2003 - 7:00 P.M. - Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted, Dorothy Kibbe - Secretary