

Town of Maynard
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Wednesday, September 26, 2007 -- Room 101, Town Hall

Chairperson, Peg Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Members Present: Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, clerk; Mike Chambers; Brendon Chetwynd;

Lou Ann Cutaia; Ariel Hoover; Dave Hull, Vice Chair; Doug Moore, Treasurer
Members Absent: none, however, the Board of Selectmen has yet to appoint a member
to replace Ann Walker

Also in attendance: Jack MacKeen and Gina Cummings, Maynard residents and Cathy O'Dea, asst. town manager.

The minutes from the August 8 and August 22, 2007 CPC meetings were amended and approved.

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser will make the corrections for the file copy.

Peg has made adjustments to previous minutes to include the location of the meeting and the listing of those CPC members who were absent. The CPC voted to accept these changes and an official book of minutes will be kept in the Council of Aging Office.

New CPC Member appointment – Selectmen have not yet appointed an at-large member, Peg will urge them to abide by the 45-day time limit in appointing a member.

Brendon Chetwynd was welcomed to the CPC as the representative of the Planning Board. He asked whether all advocates of proposals will be invited to meet with the CPC. Brendon also wanted to be sure that he was aware of the process which will be followed. These questions were addressed again later in the meeting.

Jack MacKeen, who submitted a CPA project application for Community Housing funds, addressed the CPC. He reported that he and John Curran, the Town Administrator, plan to merge their proposals and the final proposal will come under the sponsorship of John Curran. It will be more in line with creating an Affordable Housing Trust that could be the driving force for addressing the issues and concerns of affordable housing.

Gina Cummings, who submitted an application for Maynard Youth Soccer, described the need for restoration and redevelopment of the Rockland Avenue Fields that need leveling & reseeding. She indicated that it has become a safety issue with several injuries occurring during the summer because of the condition of the fields. Lou Ann Cutaia and Brendon Chetwynd expressed concern that there has not been a definite, long-term plan for the area. It was suggested that, perhaps the Town should have a recreational zoning designation.

Cathy O'Dea reported that the cemetery fence had been painted by workers from the Sheriff's Department. It has greatly improved its appearance, but it still needs structural improvements. No specific estimate has, as yet, been received for this work. Jane Audrey-Neuhauser asked whether monies previously voted by Town Meeting for the project and those funds proposed for Town Meeting vote last spring could be additional sources of funding, thus lowering the amount requested from CPA funds.

Since there are two Preliminary Applications related to Open Space, an Open space "bucket" discussion ensued. There was concern that if money is transferred by Town Meeting to the Conservation Commission, as opposed to putting it in the CPA Open Space reserve, then the CPC would lose "control" of that money. Some members believed that turning it over to the Conservation Commission, would enable the CC to have access to these funds to use for conservation/open space purposes as the occasion arose without the need for another Town Meeting vote.

Pending CPA Proposals –

It was decided that the applicants listed on the Preliminary Applications would be invited to the October 10, 2007 meeting to answer questions and give additional information. CPC members were assigned specific persons to contact and invite to arrive at 7:30.

It was decided that at the beginning of the Oct. 10th meeting the CPC would decide whether ALL applicants would be asked to submit a Final Application for Funding, or if the CPC would only encourage those applications which the CPC thought it might seriously consider for funding.

Peg reminded the CPC that the CPC decides which proposals to further or recommend for funding, but it is the proponents who make presentations and answer questions, etc. at Town Meeting. The CPC will publish all recommended FY08 funding proposals in the May 2008 Town Meeting Warrant.

There was also a discussion about possible conflict of interest issues and the committee decided that the CPC would make the determination about whether there is a conflict of interest with individuals in relation to particular proposals.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, Clerk

OCTOBER MEETINGS: 7:00pm, Wednesday, Oct.10 and Oct. 24 at the Town Building Room 101.

(Dave to post meeting notices).