

Town of Maynard
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 -- Room 101, Town Hall

Chair Peg Brown called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Members Present: Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, clerk; Mike Chambers; Brendon Chetwynd; Lou Ann Cutaia; Ariel Hoover; Rick Lefferts; Doug Moore, Treasurer.

Members Absent: Dave Hull, Vice Chair

Also in attendance: No visitors present

The minutes from the November 28, 2007 CPC meeting were approved. Peg will file the minutes in the COA office.

Peg has updated the committee membership on the Town Website.

Discussion of BOS meeting on 12-11-07; Initiative petitions; TM warrant strategies for presentation of Funding Proposals

The BOS invited the CPC representatives to attend the meeting relative to the proposal for irrigation at Crowe Park. The discussion evolved into a discussion of the CPC's proposal selection process and the Selectmen's priorities for the town. If the CPC presents a properly worded and drafted article, the BOS may not prevent it from being included in the warrant. (There may be some editing and formatting of articles.) It would be helpful to gain consensus on and support for articles from various town boards prior to Town Meeting.

There was a vote of the BOS to allow for a sprinkler system at Crowe Park. Paul Camilli, DPW director, indicated that a sprinkler system would probably use less water.

Peg pointed out specific parts of the Town Counsel's opinion which indicated that "preserving and protecting from harm" recreational land is an acceptable use of CPA funds. It was decided that, where necessary, proponents should be asked to reword their proposals to emphasize preservation and not improvement or maintenance.

Although there was significant support for the Coolidge proposal, there was discussion about whether the proposal would indeed meet the criteria at this point. There seems to be a great deal of similarity between this

proposal and the Newton case. There is some hope that the Legislature will be amending the CPA to allow use of CPA funds for improvements to recreational land which was not obtained with CPA funds.

Motion by Brendon Chetwynd (seconded by Lou Ann Cutaia): To deem the Coolidge Park proposal not eligible for CPA funds based upon additional information from Town Counsel. Vote: 5 in favor, two abstaining.

Peg Brown will contact the proponents.

Mike Chambers will bring this project to the attention of the group in town which is looking into improvements to all town fields, etc.

The CPC was given a Schedule A-4 report from the Town Accountant which was signed by the required number of CPC members

Finalize list of questions for Final Funding Proposals--

The previously distributed list of questions was reviewed and necessary additions and modifications made. Peg will distribute the revised list and contact proponents with their list of questions, time slot, etc.

Schedule for meetings in January –

The times for review was established

PROPONENT TIMETABLES: ***

January 09, 2008

- 7:10 Questions for AART proposal
- 7:30 Questions for Crowe Park
- 7:40 Questions for Alumni Field proposal
- 7:50 Questions for Coolidge School Study
- 8:00 Questions for Conservation Fund proposal

January 23, 2008

- 7:10 Questions for Affordable Housing Plan proposal
- 7:25 Questions for Veteran's Park proposal
- 7:30 Questions for Land Acquisition proposal

Brendon reported that he has been re-appointed the Chair of the Planning Board and he does not know how much time/effort he can continue to contribute to the CPC.

FUNDING --

The total amount in the CPA Fund is approximately \$454,000.

If all of the proposals for which there was a general consensus of support were funded it would be approximately \$252,000. These expenditures plus an anticipated \$15,000 in the Administrative Expense Account would leave about \$187,000 for the future.

(FY'08 tax revenues could increase that amount by another \$160,000 not including any anticipated state match.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, Clerk

JANUARY MEETINGS: 7:00pm, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008 and Wed. Jan. 23, 2008 at the Town Building Room 101. (Dave to post meeting notice and also notice of NO meeting on Dec. 26).

**** Subsequent to the meeting, Peg Brown contacted the proponents whose proposals were scheduled for review on Jan. 9 and the following adjustments to the schedule were made:

January 09, 2008

- 7:10 Questions for AART proposal
- 7:30 Questions for Alumni Field proposal
- 7:40 Questions for Coolidge School Study proposal
- 7:50 Questions for Conservation Fund proposal
- 8:00 Questions for Crowe Park proposal

The review schedule for January 23, 2008 remained unchanged