

**Town of Maynard**  
**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**  
Wednesday, March 26, 2008-- Room 101, Town Hall

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

Members Present: Peg Brown, Chair; Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, clerk; Mike Chambers; Brendon Chetwynd; Lou Ann Cutaia; Ariel Hoover; Dave Hull, Vice Chair; Doug Moore, Treasurer  
Members Absent: Rick Lefferts  
Also in attendance:

The minutes from the March 12, 2008 CPC meeting were approved as printed. Peg will file the minutes in the COA office.

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

65-67% State match is expected in October from the Massachusetts Community Preservation Trust Fund, according to Stuart Saginor and Ken DeMars

Lou Ann Cutaia presented a draft spreadsheet (revised spreadsheet attached) which reconciled the amounts received from taxation and state matches. It also listed the amounts in each of the spending categories. It was decided to use the 67% match for calculating the estimates in the spreadsheet. These amounts will also be used for the FY'09 appropriations at Town Meeting.

Unless funds were designated as "budgeted reserve" they may not be spent until July 1 which is the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Apparently there is still a problem with bills being paid in a reasonable time. There was a discussion as to why the Selectmen need to be signing or approving our spending decisions. Peg will contact both the CPC Coalition and Cathy O'Dea to see if there is something specific in the law which puts this committee under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen. Peg will pursue this further.

#### REVIEW OF TOWN MEETING PLANS

Dave Hull reported a conversation with Ken DeMars in which Ken expressed his opinion that the athletic field irrigation proposals do not fall within the limits of the CPA Law. The CPC had carefully reviewed the state regulations with the CPC Coalition and town counsel and determined that these expenditures are for preservation of resources and thus the land did not have to be purchased with CPA funds. It appears, based upon the list of approved projects, that the Town of Acton interprets the CPA much more loosely than we have interpreted it. Peg will call Ken DeMars to explain the law and its interpretation to him. We do not want this issue to be brought up by a town official at Town Meeting.

The Power Point Presentation will need to be ready at least a week prior to TM. Peg will check with Becky Mosca for the final date. Brendon suggested that Peg be given a reasonable amount of autonomy in preparing the presentation. Peg asked for input for photos which would be appropriate for the presentation.

The discussion of the possibility of an amendment's being needed for the warrant article led to the decision to draft such an amendment at the next meeting so that we can then bring this to the attention of the Town Moderator for his advice and support prior to Town Meeting.

#### PLANS FOR FINANCE COM. May 12<sup>th</sup> Pubic Hearing

Fin. Com. would like a representative of the CPC to attend a meeting on Mon., April 14 at 7pm to explain several aspects of the CPC accounts and process so that the Fin. Com. will have a better understanding prior to the May 12<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. Since several members of the CPC will be attending the April 14 meeting, Peg will post a notice that the CPC will be meeting with the Fin Com on that date.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Audrey-Neuhauser, Clerk

NEXT MEETINGS: 7:00pm, Wednesdays, April 9 and May 14, 2008 at the Town Building Room 101. [Also April 14 and May 12 at 7pm with the Fin. Com]