

Town of Maynard
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING
Wednesday, September 17, 2008 – Room 101, Town Hall

Chair Doug Moore called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

Members present: Doug Moore, Peg Brown, Mike Chambers, Bob Moore, Rick Lefferts,
Treasurer (Bob Moore kept the minutes)

Members absent: Jane Aubrey-Neuhauser, clerk, Dave Hull,

There are currently no representatives from the Planning Board and from the Capital
Planning Committee.

Also in attendance: No visitors

The minutes from the 9/10/2008 meeting were approved as distributed.

Review of Applications for 2008-09 Cycle:

- Proposal #OS00309 Open Space Plan reproduction is eligible to proceed – may be able to fund from CPC administrative budget and not have to bring before town meeting for approval. Consider combining in one proposal with OS00409.
- Proposal #OS00409 Open Space Plan is eligible to proceed.

Doug noted that he read that CPC funds are not subject to the Uniform Procurement Act, which means they wouldn't need to go to bid. Rick thought it may be that municipal projects do need to go out to bid but private projects do not. More research needs to be done to determine this for sure.

- Proposal #OS00509 Open Space purchase is eligible to proceed.
- Proposal #HR00409 historic mural is eligible to proceed. Have some concerns that the space proposed has limited public exposure. May want to consider putting in a different location, e.g., an outdoor space, in the high school where town meeting occurs, in the library, etc. Town hall may encounter expansion or renovation which could lead to destruction of mural. Therefore suggest making it portable if it does go in suggested location. Proposal does not include costs for lighting, mounting, nor detail about longer term maintenance costs (e.g., how long will it last before it needs painting touch up, etc.). Would like to invite someone from project to come to a CPC meeting to discuss project in more detail before submitting final proposal.

- Proposal #HR00509 rock wall preservation is eligible to proceed. What other funding sources has DPW investigated? Can the existing wall be successfully re-pointed vs. rebuilding? What costs are associated with drinking fountain portion of project? Would it require maintenance for draining, etc. seasonally? Does this include repair of pillars at ends of walls? Does replacement of wall vs. repair still qualify for preservation? Do estimates take into account prevailing wages? Would like to invite someone from project to come to a CPC meeting to discuss project in more detail before submitting final proposal. Would like to invite someone from project to come to a CPC meeting to discuss project in more detail before submitting final proposal.
- Proposal #HR006-09 Glenwood Cemetery GPR Survey is eligible to proceed.
- Proposal #HR007-09 Historical Walking Tour is eligible to proceed. There was some discussion re. the possibility of using a cell phone as an option to the MP3 players in the proposal.
- Proposal #HR008-09 Historic Marker at Marble Farm is eligible to proceed. Given that the site is overgrown by poison ivy, who's going to clear the site and maintain the path? What is the material the marker will be made of? How will this really serve the community, i.e., who will be walking by it? Would like to invite someone from project to come to a CPC meeting to discuss project in more detail before submitting final proposal.
- Proposal #HR009-09 Replacement of Waltham St Bridge Lighting may be eligible to proceed, but there are serious questions about it. Why isn't the lighting included in the reconstruction of the bridge? Is it possible to request that from the state, especially since they are removing existing lighting that was historic? Or at least receive partial credit. Why 6 lights? Could we save money with fewer, e.g., 4? Are there any other funding sources? Is it really historic preservation to install antique-like lights? Not sure this is a CPA project. Would like to invite someone from project to come to a CPC meeting to discuss project in more detail and how it meets historic preservation criteria before submitting final proposal.
- Proposal #HR010-09 Historical Artifacts Cataloging and Survey is eligible to proceed. Collection is currently in imminent threat of destruction from environmental issues – being stored in an area with no air flow, ceilings coming down, etc. Also not sure of all that is in the collection.
- Proposal #REC008-09 Pedestrian Walkways is eligible to proceed. What exactly is the need? Aren't there other areas in town that would have a greater need? Would like to invite someone from project to come to a CPC meeting to discuss project in more detail before submitting final proposal.

- Proposal #REC009-09 Fowler Irrigation. Incomplete application. The letter is presented more as an advocate, not an applicant. Does not show endorsement from school committee. Proposal also does not address need for more active recreational spaces. The CPC lacks confidence in this applicant's ability to follow through on a CPA project given the incomplete nature of the application itself, especially since the CPC gave guidance on how a proposal needs to be submitted last year and offered this year to provide support with the application. Would recommend someone from project come to a CPC meeting to discuss project in more detail before submitting final proposal. However, he would need to bring an endorsement from the school committee and be able to demonstrate the ability to manage the project.
- Proposal #REC010-09 Green Meadows Irrigation. There is not a sufficient application for this proposal. Notes from Proposal #REC009-09 above also apply.

Mike updated on the timeline for the existing irrigation project. Hoping that the work will commence week of 10/6. Will be investigating what exactly is provided by the lowest bidder in terms of quality of materials, etc.

Rick asked the committee whether Jane had asked for Dr. Masterson to send a copy of the contract. Wanted to know if anyone received it. As far as we know, Jane doesn't have it. Rick will not put the bill in for payment until we get the contract. He'll follow-up with Dr. Masterson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.