

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**Minutes of Meeting
March 3, 2010**

Present: Jane Howard – Chairman, Mark Gluesing – Vice Chair, Janet Bernardo, Bruce Eisenhut, John Comando

Absent: Jack Cogswell, Brian Nadler, Sheila Pransky, Paul Siegenthaler

Town Staff: Patricia Carey, Staff Liaison
Nicole DiCicco, Recording Secretary

Other Guests: *None*

The meeting convened at 7:35 PM in the Webster Room of the Public Services Administration Building (PSAB).

Minutes of Meeting, January 20, 2010: Ms. Bernardo made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting. Mr. Eisenhut seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman's Comments: Ms. Howard informed the Committee that she and Mr. Gluesing had attended the Permanent Public Building Committee (PPBC) meeting on February 22, 2010 for an update on the status of the Town Hall project. She reported that work had begun with asbestos removal, and work on the windows would begin shortly.

Update on Meetings with Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee: Both the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee have suggested that the CPC create a defined focus for projects. The CPC was in consensus that such focus is not possible for this particular board, as it cannot limit who chooses to present qualifying proposals, so at this time, there will not be any changes to their process.

Proponent Withdrawal of Projects: The respective proponents withdrew the following proposals, without prejudice:

FY 2010-7 Preservation of Open Space, withdrawn by the Park and Recreation Commission.

FY 2010-8 Acquisition of Property for Development of Affordable Housing, withdrawn by Needham Opportunities Inc.

Proposals:

FY 2010-2 Charles River Center Heating Systems in Group Homes

Mr. Comando asked if the Finance Committee had supported this project, due to last year's questions about funding non-Town projects. Ms. Howard felt there was support, with the hope that grants would assist with the cost. Mr. Comando reviewed the state and federal grant information presented by the Charles River Center in January. After consulting the representatives of energy grants, the Charles River Center does not currently qualify. With an estimate of almost \$41,000, it was agreed that the project would be reviewed at \$45,000.00. The original request was for \$35,000-\$65,000.

FY 2010-4 Preservation and Restoration of Historic Artifacts

A draft appraisal report was provided by the Town Manager for the CPC to review. The appraisal does not cover restoration costs. Two additional tables, a speaker's podium and a bookcase from the Town Clerk's office were only recently added to the list of items for restoration. A firm cost to restore all the items can't be developed without the formal bid process, but the Town Manager understands that the cost is likely to be less than the \$57,500 requested.

FY 2010-6 Restore Volante Land on Carol Road and Brewster Road

Ms. Pransky is the liaison for this project and was not present at this meeting. Ms. Carey noted that the Board of Selectmen was in the process of appointing a study committee to review the future of these parcels.

Other Business:

Ms. Howard announced to the Committee that Ms. Pransky would be stepping down from her position on the Community Preservation Committee on April 1, 2010 due to her newly acquired position working with Needham Opportunities Inc. As the standing liaison to the project FY2010-6, she would be available to present the information she has put together for presentation at Town Meeting, however there are four members without proposals to work on who could work as liaison from this point forward. Mr. Gluesing asked CPC members to provide any feedback on purchases of open space for him to share with the working group reviewing parcels.

Adjournment: Mr. Eisenhut made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. Mr. Gluesing seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DiCicco
Recording Secretary