

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

Minutes of Meeting
October 15, 2008

Present: Paul Siegenthaler, Chair; Jane Howard, Vice Chair; Janet Bernardo, John Comando, Bruce Eisenhut, Mark Gluesing; Sheila Pransky;

Absent Brian Nadler

Town Staff: Christopher Coleman

Guests: Dan Matthews; Jack Cogswell

The meeting convened at 7:35 in the Newman School Conference Room.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2008 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and approved.

Chairman's Comments: Mr. Siegenthaler reported that he spoke with Kathy Cortez from the Bedford CPC. Bedford did a Town Hall Renovation project and CPC funded it entirely at a cost of \$1,500,000. They also fully funded an addition to an historic building. Their philosophy is to "relieve a burden on the tax base". He also reported that the State has distributed the CPA funds and Needham will receive \$888,287. This is a 67% match. It appears that next year's match may be at 35%.

Town Hall Project: There was a lengthy discussion regarding the request from Mr. Matthews for CPC to support, in concept, Article 6 at the Special Town Meeting on October 26, 2008. **Mr. Eisenhut made the following motion: that CPC states "Option 4 is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Community Preservation Act and the goal of historic preservation and we support the continued use of the design funds."** The motion was seconded. Ms. Howard made a motion to amend the main motion by deleting "Option 4" and replacing it with "The restoration of Town Hall". The motion to amend was seconded and the motion to amend and the main motion were both approved. The statement will be: *The restoration of Town Hall is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Community Preservation Act and the goal of historic preservation and we support the continued use of the design funds."*

Ms. Pransky made a motion as follows: The Community Preservation Committee will offer the above statement only if asked. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Siegenthaler stated that he will, as a Town Meeting Member, stand up to speak against Article 6. It was then decided that since the Vice Chair will be out of town, Mr. Comando will speak for the Committee. Mr. Siegenthaler will inform the Moderator of this.

Discussion and review of process to provide input and monitor project:

Mr. Gluesing will review the diagrams for Option 4 and create a list of items that might be options for discussion with the architects. He will report back at the next meeting.

Other Business: Ms. Pransky suggested that it would be appropriate to submit an article to the newspapers regarding CPC and the opportunity for residents to apply for funding. It was suggested that the article also include the amount of this year's state match. Ms. Carey will be advised of this request.

Adjournment: Mr. Comando made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. The motion was seconded and passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Jane Howard,
Secretary pro-tem