

Community Preservation Committee minutes – Nov. 5, 2012

The meeting began at 3:45 in the afternoon. In attendance were Robert Anderson, Janet Chase, Eve Endicott, and Marcelle Morgan. This number is just enough (a majority) for a quorum.

We discussed member's roles. Eve was appointed, reluctantly, by vote to the post of Vice Chair. She, and we, have *high* hopes that relatively new member Poly Byers will get involved with the leadership of the committee, as she has extensive professional experience in government.

Minutes from the October 3Rd meeting were approved.

We then discussed the requirement to have a CPC Plan. After we arrived at no particular consensus about what it meant to have "a plan", Janet suggested neighboring town committees be contacted to find out their priorities. Marcelle agreed to contact these Conway town committees: Master Plan, Historic, Open Space, and Conservation. Bob as liaison to Park and Rec., and Eve as liaison to Housing, will also be contacting their respective committees.

Janet announced that the FCROG application for a FEMA hazard mitigation grant, to mitigate potential flood damage on the South River from the Route 116 Bridge in the center of town to the end of the "Rose" field, has been accepted (\$212,000). Bob agreed to contact the Parks and Rec. committee about the impending lose of a portion of the coveted field to river flow management.

Janet stressed that it may be critical to have a town plan for dealing with sewage, as the development of senior housing depends upon proper waste disposal.

The required annual public hearing was discussed. The meeting should, or can include specific projects, needs of the community, and priorities of other committees.

Janet distributed spreadsheets to inform committee members about the financial resources of the committee; also to demonstrate how funds from taxes and state matching funds are deposited in the categories of Housing, Open Space, Historic, and Unreserved. Our total assets for 2012 are estimated to be \$499,379.

Janet wondered if we should set more than 10% of our revenue (from taxes) aside for the various categories. As there was no general feeling that we should change the formula, it stands as is for now. This keeps the "unreserved" category as the largest, which gives greatest project flexibility.

Marcelle's idea to have the committee purchase project signs in advance, to have on hand to give out to approved applicants, was informally accepted as a good idea.