

Meeting Minutes  
Acton Community Preservation Committee

October 16, 2008

Acton Library

Present: Roland Bourdon, Janet Adachi, Ken Sghia-Hughes (Chair), Tory Beyer, Jon Benson, Corrina Roman-Kreuze, Nancy Tavernier, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Ron Schlegel, Roland Bartl (Town Planner), Walter Foster.  
People in the audience included Pat Clifford from Finance Committee.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ken Sghia-Hughes at 7:30 pm.

1) Discussion and approval of September 16 and September 25 minutes -

Minutes were moved for approval and seconded as edited and attached.  
Moved and approved.

2) Linda McElroy – Report on Status of Wheeler Farm.

Linda provided a summary and submitted a detailed written report (see attached).

3) Update on Piper Lane -> Open Space Meeting scheduled for Friday, October 17 to discuss the next steps including home inspection, purchase-and-sale agreement, and other issues. The Acton Conservation Trust extends its thanks and gratitude to the entire CPC committee for its role in the recent Special Town Meeting where the purchase through CPC funds was approved. There is no purchase and sale executed yet. Also a second developer had contacted the land owner but the landowner confirmed the commitment to work with the Town.

4) Other Business –

- A) State matching funds, \$473,581, were received on October 16 (see attached) which is a 67.94% match. Total available funds this year are approximately \$1.2 million.
- B) Future projects – Possible projects include open space set-aside, the Vaillancourt building (by the HDC); trails for the Morrison property; possible restoration of an historic building in West Acton; Housing Authority will be bringing back Sachem Way project; Boardwalk projects in West Acton and the Arboretum; capital affordable housing projects.

5) Announcements and reports -> Stone Chamber view to be held.  
Dedication of the West Acton Citizens Library on October 18 at 2:00 pm.

Update on Assabet River Rail Trail. See attached October 2 letter. Federal Highway advised that if Town can get the AART project on the regional MPO

plan, then FHA will authorize monies for design. Other highway transportation projects such as Crosby's Corner redesign of Route 2, I95-I290 interchange, I495-I93 interchange, Route 128 lane additions, and others are taking up a large portion of available federal funds.

Project reports and updates -> Theater III has been making progress on window restoration and preservation restriction agreement. Restored Fire Engines are stored inside at the Haartz building in town. On October 29 at 7:30 pm Mass. Highway will hold a Bruce Freeman Rail Trail hearing.

The committee discussed future meetings and noted that the deadline for project submissions this year is November 10<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 13.

Adjournment at 8:40 pm.