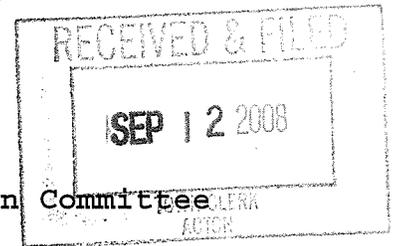


MEETING MINUTES

Town of Acton of Acton Community Preservation Committee

July 10, 2008
Acton Town Hall



Attending: Roland Bourdon, Walter Foster, Nancy Tavernier, Corrina Roman-Kreuze, Janet Adachi, Peter Berry, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Jon Benson, Roland Bartl (Town Planner) and Pat Clifford (Fin Com Observer)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Sghia-Hughes at 7:40.

Ken welcomed new committee members Janet Adachi, Roland Bourdon and Peter Berry.

Selectman Paulina Knibbe made a presentation seeking the sense of the Committee whether CPA funding might be possible for certain sidewalk projects. The projects included funding for a retaining wall in connection with the construction of sidewalks at 30-46 High Street in South Acton's Historic District (Historic Preservation) and for recreation/walking paths on Main from Post Office Square to Route 27 and to the entrance to the Isaac Davis Trail (Historic Preservation and Recreation). The clear sense from several Committee members was that none of the projects would be eligible for funding under the statute.

The Minutes of the June 12, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

The Committee elected its officers for 2008-2009. Ken Sghia-Hughes is Chairman, Jon Benson will be the Vice Chairman and Walter Foster will be the Clerk.

The Committee worked through the draft CPC Plan for 2008-2009.

The Committee discussed and approved a draft Town Bylaw amendment for submission to the Board of Selectman permitting associate members to vote in place of absent at-large members and to formally add the position of vice chairman as an officer of the Committee.

The Committee will appear before the Board of Selectman at its annual oversight hearing on September 8.

The Committee next turned to a discussion of Jon Benson's formal proposal regarding requests for extensions of time to file project funding applications and requests for waivers of the application deadline once the deadline has passed. Jon pointed out that the CPC Plan for 2007-2008 provided that "(A)t its discretion the Committee may accept applications after the deadline for extraordinary reasons." The Committee voted to amend that provision to permit the Committee to extend or waive the application deadline due to special circumstances or a compelling reason(s) by a vote of the Committee.

The Committee voted to approve the CPC Plan for 2008-2009.

Roland Bartl regrettably reported that the Metropolitan Planning Organization at its recent meeting announced that there is no State money available for further funding of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail or the Assabet Rail Trail projects. The moneys for the two rail trails have been allocated to other projects. It is expected that the towns affected by the decision will take the necessary action to have the state funding restored.

The Committee's annual gathering will take place on Sunday, July 20 from 5 to 10 PM at Ken's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30PM.

Jon Benson