

Minutes
Town of Acton Community Preservation Committee
January 9, 2014
Acton Town Hall Room 204

Members/Others Present: Peter Ashton, Roland Bourdon (Chair), Tory Beyer, Dave Clough, Walter Foster, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Joe Will, Kristen Guichard (staff), Herman Kabakoff (Finance Committee observer)

The meeting was opened at 7:30PM by Chair Bourdon.

Minutes:

1. Minutes of December 19, 2013 were approved as written. Vote: all in favor

Funding Recaptures from previous years/CPA account balance:

2. After a second attempt the Planning Department has not heard back about remaining balances for the following projects: Sachem Way Predevelopment, Acton Housing Authority Capital Fund, Morrison Farm Master Plan.
 - a. Ken S. will reach out to Kelley Cronin, Executive Director of the Acton Housing Authority
 - b. Peter A. will reach out to Tom Tidman, Natural Resources Director

Applicant Presentations:

3. Lori Lewis presented on the Acton Woman's Club Preservation and Handicap Accessibility proposed CPA project located at 504 Main Street.
 - a. Requests \$248,000 to build a vertical lift to the second floor and handicapped bathroom on the first floor with a supporting structure (shell) to support them.
 - b. The previous CPA project, which included the sloped walkway, triggered requirements from Architectural Access Board to make the proposed handicap accessibility improvements.
 - c. The applicant noted the Historic District Commission has met with them about the proposed design and should be submitting a letter of support shortly.
 - d. Community Preservation Committee members asked if other grants or resources had been pursued. Some have but the applicant indicated they did not think they would be competitive. Tory B. suggested a state historical grant. CPC members noted the available CPC funding is very limited this year compared to the level of project requests; they asked if the project could be phased or if partial funding could help with a potential matching grant. The applicant's architect, Anita Rogers stated that the project could be done in two phases, building the shell first then finishing the inside later.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM, all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Guichard
Assistant Town Planner