

MEETING MINUTES

Town of Acton of Acton Community Preservation Committee

November 8, 2007
Acton Memorial Library



Attending: Andy Magee, Nancy Tavernier, Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Walter Foster, Jon Benson, Ken Sghia-Hughes, Tory Beyer, Corrina Roman-Kreuze, Kristin Alexander (Planning Department), Anne Forbes (HDC Observer) and Steve Noone (FinCom Observer).

Ken Sghia-Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:40PM.

Community Preservation Fund Applications. Nine funding applications were received by the Monday, November 5, 4PM deadline. A tenth application from the Conant School was received on Wednesday, November 7. Ken reported that Christine Price, the Conant School Principal, had requested a 24 hour extension because project information necessary to complete the application was still outstanding and Ken acceded to Ms. Price's request. There was a communication glitch in Ms. Price's office and the application was not submitted until Wednesday, November 7. Ken recommended we accept the late application and the Committee voted to do so. Nancy suggested in subsequent years the application deadline be set on Tuesday not Monday at 4PM.

The applicants, projects, amounts requested, CPC liaisons and presentation dates are as follows:

Applicant		Project/Amount Requested	Liaison	Presentation Date
1	Acton Community Center, Inc. d/b/a Theatre III)	Restoration of Windows - \$40,000	Jon	11/29 8:30 p.m.
2	Acton Community Housing Corporation	ACHC Administrative Fund - \$15,000	Nancy	1/10 8 p.m.
3	Acton Community Housing Corporation	Community Housing Program Fund - \$100,000	Nancy	1/10 8 p.m.
4	Acton Housing Authority	Pre-Development Funds - \$136,000	Ken	1/10 7:30 p.m.
5	Conant Elementary School	Conant Nature Trails Project - \$15,000	Andy	11/29 8 p.m.

6	Glenn Berger Bluebird Realty Trust	Exchange Hall - \$231,948	Ed & Walter	12/13 7:30 p.m.
7	Town of Acton - McElroy/Halley	Trail Through Time - \$30,000	Susan	1/3 8 p.m.
8	Town of Acton (Open Space Committee)	Open Space Acquisition/Set- Aside - \$500,000	Andy	1/10 8:30 p.m.
9	Town of Acton (Recreation Commission)	Elm Street Playground - \$75,000	Ron & Corrina	1/3 7:30 p.m.
10	Town of Acton (West Acton Citizens' Library)	West Acton Citizens' Library Exterior Envelope Restoration - \$67,000	Tory	11/29 7:30 p.m.

A brief discussion followed on the gist of each application. More discussion was devoted to the Exchange Hall application. There was unanimous sentiment that Committee members wanted Exchange Hall preserved. There was serious concern expressed, however, over the applicant's financial ability to undertake the project and see it through to completion. Walter and Ed will meet with the applicant to request further information for the presentation on December 13.

Miscellaneous. The Committee decided not to respond to the July 27 Boston Globe Op-Ed piece, which was sharply critical of the Community Preservation Act due to the adequate response of other groups.

The Committee approved and individual Committee members signed Bureau of Accounts Schedule A-4 as required under the Community Preservation Fund CH. 44B.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Jon Benson