



Town of Barnstable

Community Preservation Committee

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Lindsey Counsell, Chair
Laura Shufelt, Vice Chair

Marilyn Fifield, Clerk
Marjorie Watson, Administrative Assistant

Monday, November 25, 2013

Public Hearing Unapproved MINUTES

Town Council Hearing Room at 367 Main Street, Hyannis at 5:30 pm
Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm

Members Present: Lindsey B. Counsell, Richard Sawyer, Tom Lee, Marilyn Fifield, Paula Schnepf, Sue Rohrbach, and Laura Shufelt

Absent: Terry Duenas, Paul Curley

Chair Counsell reads into record before calling meeting to order; "Please note that tonight's meeting is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18 and, in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, s. 20, I must inquire whether anyone is taping this meeting and to please make their presence known." No members of the public are taping the meeting.

Minutes: Motion duly made by Laura Shufelt, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, to approve the minutes of the Regular Public Hearing held on Monday, October 28, 2013, with corrections noted.

Vote: Unanimous to approve

Correspondence:

None

Presentation:

None

Letter(s) of Intent: A letter of intent was submitted by the Town Manager for funding in the amount of \$100,000 for survey, design work, permitting and cost estimates for the next phase of the proposed extension of the Cape Cod Rail Trail regional, multimodal, multiuse pathway from its future terminus off Higgins Crowell Road in Yarmouth through land in Barnstable to Mary Dunn Road.

Sue Rohrbach asked everyone to support this and by bringing this to the Council it will be a good way of informing them of the project. In response to a question from Richard Sawyer, Chair Counsell stated that the connection to Yarmouth would be just south of the highway connecting to a small hill that is north of Old Higgins Crowell Road. A bridge would be built over the road and over the railroad tracks. Chair Counsell stated the bridge would be below the tree line and this portion of the design will be funded by Yarmouth. Richard also stated that he is 100% in favor of this project. Chair Counsell confirmed that the funds would come from either open space or undesignated depending on what the committee decides.

Paula Schnepf emphasized that the application should be clear as to where the surveys are going to be done. Chair Counsell stated that there is six million dollars on TIP funding for this project scheduled to begin in 2017 and that the timing for a plan to meet that schedule is critical for a TIP project. Chair Counsell clarified that the six million dollars includes the entire project from the Yarmouth extension at the terminus at Peter Homer Park across to Barnstable's terminus at Mary Dunn Road. He explained that both towns will be responsible for 10-12% of the design. Parking will be available for about 50 cars at the Higgins Crowell Road terminus and for about 20 cars south of Independence Drive on fish and wildlife land.

Richard Sawyer made a motion that the funding request for survey, design work, permitting and cost estimates for the Cape Cod bikeway extension from the town of Yarmouth through Barnstable be approved for moving forward to the application process. Seconded by Sue Rohrbach. Unanimously voted to approve to move to application phase.

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Pending Applications

None

General Discussion:

Chair Counsell reminded everyone that the next meeting is December 16th and that any letters of intent need to be received by December 11, 2013.

2014 Meeting Schedule – Laura Shufelt made a motion to approve the 2014 meeting schedule as presented. Seconded by Richard Sawyer. Voted unanimously to approve.

Discussion on options for future community housing projects – Chair Counsell asked for suggestions on ways to incubate community housing projects. Laura Shufelt said that there is a list of town owned land and an RFP for development of affordable housing has been prepared but never issued. Sue Rohrbach suggested that Paul Ruchinkas, Affordable Housing Specialist at the Cape Cod Commission, be invited to a future meeting of the CPC to talk about what other communities have done. Laura stated that the most successful creation of affordable housing has been to use town-owned land or buildings.

Sue Rohrbach stated that she would like to have the committee pursue what would be required to structure a rental housing subsidy program, see what other towns are doing in regard to affordable housing, and look at the issue of town-owned land and push it forward.

Lindsey stated that he would like to pursue the hiring of a consultant that can help the committee to search for ways to initiate affordable housing projects. Laura agreed to help with defining the scope and will provide recommendations for a consultant.

It was decided to keep this subject as an agenda item under old business until resolved.

Richard stated that we need to get the financials for the next meeting.

Closing Public Comment:

Tom Mullen attended the meeting as a representative of the Land Acquisition and Preservation Committee with the purpose of keeping communications open. Mr. Mullen stated that he is a fan of the bike trail and would like to help and see where the paths are. He asked if the CPC is open to additional land acquisitions for open space. Chair Counsell stated the committee is always open to open space and most interested in Zone 1's as a priority. Tom Lee agreed to get the list of water districts from COMM.

Adjournment: Motion made by Richard Sawyer, seconded by Tom Lee, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled CPC Public Hearing – Monday December 16, 2013

Exhibits: 2014 Meeting Schedule
Letter of Intent from Town Manager dated November 20, 2013