

Community Preservation Committee

December 14, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

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The following minutes are from the meeting of the Hanover Community Preservation Committee held Wednesday December 14, 2011.

The following Committee members were present: Diane Campbell, William Scarpelli, Wally Kemp, Mike Holland, Harry Dunn, Jonathan Chu

Gary Young, Jeff Puleo and John Goldthwait were absent.

The Chairman Diane Campbell opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CPC Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the November 9, 2011 meeting. Harry Dunn made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Wally Kemp seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

CPC Public Hearing

The Chairman opened the public hearing at 7:10 and read the public hearing notice into record. The Committee discussed the applications for CPA funding as follows:

- **Sylvester School Handicapped Accessibility** – Joanne McDonough, Business Manager for the School Department gave a brief overview of the application before the Committee. She was joined by Bob Murray, Facilities Manager and a member of the School Committee. The Committee asked Ms. McDonough to supply them with a further breakdown of costs to do different phases of the project. Harry Dunn asked if the handicapped accessibility was mandated by the State and if the School Department was getting pressured from the State to do this work. Ms. McDonough explained that the State was not pressuring the Town to do this now, but that they anticipate this will be the case in the future and they want to be prepared. Wally Kemp asked if the School Department had requested any capital funds for these improvements. Ms. McDonough indicated that they would be submitting a request to the Capital Improvement Committee for these funds also. The Committee will consider their request and give their vote at the next meeting.
- **Cemetery Preservation Project** – The representative from the Historical Commission was unable to attend the meeting. The CPC Coordinator gave the Committee a brief overview of the application. The Committee will vote on their recommendation at the next meeting.
- **Albert White Barn Restoration** – John O’Leary gave the Committee an overview of the application and the history of the barn. He explained that they had originally wanted to reconstruct the barn as an attachment to the barn that exists on the site currently. Historic New England was not in favor of that and recommended that they erect the barn in another location on the site and have it be free standing. Mr. O’Leary explained that there are now 3 non-profit organizations that are willing to support the project. Mr. O’Leary will be going through the process of changing the historic deed restriction on the property in order to allow the construction. He should know by the end of January if he has approval from Historic New England. The Committee will vote on this application at their next meeting.
- **Affordable Housing Trust** – Stephen Carroll, Chairman of the Affordable Housing Trust gave the Committee an overview of the application. He explained that the Affordable Housing Trust has become more active and anticipates using these funds in the coming year to help preserve some of the affordable housing that exists in Town as well as to help

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in the creation of new units in the coming year. Diane asked Mr. Carroll if the Affordable Housing Trust had any thoughts on the property at 645 Center Street. Mr. Carroll indicated that the Affordable Housing Trust has discussed the property and they are interested in supporting the development of affordable housing on the site and that they had discussed it with the Selectmen but the Selectmen were unwilling to give the Affordable Housing Trust control of the property. Wally Kemp discussed the Barstow Village project and asked if there could be a plaque displayed at the development which would recognize the participation of CPA funds in the project. Mr. Carroll said he would look into that. The Committee will vote on this application at their next meeting.

- **Stetson House Roof** – Don Morrison of the Overseers of the Stetson House gave the Committee a brief overview of the application. He explained that the treatment they wanted to do would preserve the roofs of the buildings at the Stetson House site and protect them from mold and mildew. Bill Scarpelli made a motion to approve their application and recommend it for funding at Town Meeting. Harry Dunn seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.
- **Historical Society Collection Care** – Richard Rockwell, Treasurer for the Hanover Historical Society gave the Committee a brief overview of the application. He explained that the Society felt that the archivist was an extremely valuable part of their preservation efforts. Harry Dunn asked if they had an estimate of how long the preservation and restoration of their collection would take or if this would be a yearly request from them. Mr. Rockwell was not sure how long the project would take. He also explained that the Historical Society used their own funds for running the Stetson House museum and that they were up to date on all of their tax filing issues. The Committee will vote on this application at their next meeting.

The Board will meet again on January 11, 2012 to vote on these applications.

Bill Scarpelli made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Wally Kemp seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Margaret Hoffman

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