

Community Preservation Committee

March 12, 2008 – 7:15 P.M.

TOWN OF HANOVER

The following minutes are from the meeting of the Hanover Community Preservation Committee March 12, 2008.

The following Committee members were present:

Diane Campbell, Michael Stone, Steve O'Leary, Wallace Kemp, Gary Hendershot and Peter Johnson. Members Mike Tivnan, William Scarpelli and Gary Young were absent.

Diane Campbell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:25p.m. The Committee did not review the minutes of the last meeting but will take them up at their next meeting. The Chairman asked for an update on the current CPA projects from the committee members present.

Peter Johnson updated the Committee on the property at 645 Center Street.(Murtha Property) The house on the site has been secured and one of the outbuildings has been torn down. He has spoken to Habitat for Humanity and they are still interested in developing the property.

Diane Campbell told the Committee that the Housing Master Plan has been updated and approved by the Selectmen and is waiting for approval from the State.

Wally Kemp told the Committee that the Open Space Master Plan has also been submitted to the state and is waiting for approval.

The Committee discussed the proposed budget for FY09. They discussed the proposed new Community Preservation Coordinator position. The Committee was generally in favor of hiring a full time person. Michael Stone motioned to accept the proposed administrative budget of \$52,400 for FY09. Wally seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

The Committee reviewed the articles for the upcoming Town Meeting pertaining to the CPC.

- Article 23- Conservation Parcel Trail Improvements – The Committee agreed that the application should come from the Open Space Committee. Wally Kemp told the Committee that the Conservation Commission was fine with giving it to Open Space. Peter Johnson suggested that there could be a future article in conjunction with the Historical Commission to build new signage for all of the historical areas and trails in Town. The Committee agreed to a decrease in the amount originally requested. Wally motioned to accept the new proposal with a new amount of \$13,410. Peter seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.
- Article 24 – Park and Recreation King Street Field Improvements – The Committee discussed the wording of the article and determined that there may be changes to it from the Advisory Committee. Gary made a motion to approve the wording as written with the understanding that the wording may be changed per the Advisory Committee. Wally seconded the motion and it was so voted 5 -1. Steve O'Leary voted in opposition.
- Article 25 – Tiling and Abatement of Sylvester School – The Committee discussed the article and were comfortable with the language as written. Michael Stone motioned to approve the article as written. Gary seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

- Article 26 – Historical Restoration and Repairs to the Stetson House Cobbler Shop Roof – The Committee discussed the article and determined that there should be some change to the wording. They agreed to change the words “Historical Society” to “the Board of Overseers of the Stetson House, subject to review by the Historical Commission”. Steve O’Leary motioned to accept the article with the recommended changes. Michael Stone seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.
- Article 27 – Stetson House Collection Care and Restoration – The Committee discussed the article and proposed changing the words “Stetson House Collection” to “Historical Society Collection” and change “said funds to be administered by the Hanover Historical Society” to “said funds to be administered by the Hanover Historical Commission”. Michael Stone motioned to accept the article with the recommended changes. Steve O’Leary seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.
- Article 29 – Authorize CPC and Selectmen for 645 Center Street (Murtha Property) The Committee reviewed the article and felt that it may need some changes to reflect their intent. Joe Zemotel of the Advisory Committee felt that troublesome for the CPC to ask Town Meeting to allow them to divide the property without any sketches showing what was to be done. They determined that they would need to get plans drawn up showing the division of the property before Town Meeting. The Committee felt that they did not want to sell the property but would prefer to lease the housing portion of it. Steve O’Leary motioned to set aside up to \$10,000 from the CPC administrative funds to be used for the sole purpose of developing plans showing the division of the Murtha Property at 645 Center Street. Gary seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously. The Committee then determined that they would recommend changing the wording of the article to delete the words “sell, or otherwise transfer” from the article. Steve then made a motion to accept the article with the recommended changes. Michael Stone seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.
- Article 30 – Purchase of Nava property at 553 Center Street – The Committee discussed the article. Joe Zemotel of the Advisory Committee had several questions for the committee and suggested that maybe this article could be passed over until fall Town Meeting to give the Committee more time to get their appraisal done and work out a realistic amount with the owner and possible plans for the property. Wally Kemp made a motion to recommend at Town Meeting that this article be passed over until fall Town Meeting. Michael Stone seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

The Committee scheduled their next meeting for Wednesday April 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Margaret Hoffman