

Community Preservation Committee

**April 8, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.
TOWN OF HANOVER**

The following minutes are from the meeting of the Hanover Community Preservation Committee April 8, 2009.

The following Committee members were present: Diane Campbell, Michael Stone, April Manupelli, Wally Kemp, Peter Johnson and William Scarpelli.

Diane opened the hearing at 7:05 p.m. Michael made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 11, 2009 meeting as corrected. Peter seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

Michael gave the Committee an update on the meeting that was held at the home of Maryann Brink and Jonathan Chu to discuss the project at 645 Center Street with the neighborhood. He told the Committee that Ms. Brink and Mr. Chu were supportive of the idea of renovating the buildings to develop community housing. Peter also gave the Committee an update on the project and went over the estimates that he has received for the renovations. The Committee discussed the benefits of renovating and restoring the buildings to the community, the ideas of possible donations and pro bono work on the site as well as utilizing local Hanover craftspeople to work on the project.

Wally discussed the Open Space Committee's recent meeting and let the Committee know that the Boardwalk project was complete and that they were working on signage for their trail system. He also let the Committee know that the Open Space Committee would be walking the Nava property at 553 Center Street in the upcoming weeks to determine the placement of trails, signage and parking. Wally invited the CPC members to attend if they wish.

The Committee discussed the issue of member attendance. Some members of the Committee have been unable to attend several meetings and the Committee asked the Coordinator to contact the absent members and determine if there are any issues that can be resolved to increase attendance.

The Selectmen and Steve Rollins came into the meeting to discuss the issue of articles 56 and 57 on the warrant for Town Meeting in May. Article 56 proposes funds to study the building needs of all town-owned buildings and is being brought forth by the Capital Improvement Committee and the Selectmen. Article 57 is being brought forth by the Community Preservation Committee and the Historical Commission and is requesting funds for the study of the Curtis School and the Senior Center on King Street (formerly Grange Hall). The Selectmen have asked the CPC to consider combining the articles in some way to be able to utilize CPA funds to study the historically significant town owned buildings and alleviate the costs from the Town's general funds. The Committee had some concerns about how the study would be done and wanted to make sure that the study included the historical aspects of the buildings along with the structural aspects. There was a discussion about how this motion could be worded and what the Moderator may allow at Town Meeting. The Selectmen also wanted to make sure that if two different firms were hired that they would be obliged to work together on these studies in order to make sure the studies were comprehensive enough. The Committee asked Steve Rollins if he could work with the Community Preservation Coordinator on the language of the motion and they would review it prior to Town Meeting.

Bill Scarpelli read an email that he had received from Victor Diniak concerning the Park and Rec Fields King Street Project. Victor was scheduled to attend the CPC meeting but was unable to make it. He sent an email with an update on the progress of the project to Bill. Victor is scheduled to attend the May 13, 2009 CPC meeting.

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. April seconded the motion and it was so voted unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Margaret Hoffman
Community Preservation Coordinator