

PRESENT:

Members- Mr. Bulman, Chair, Mr. Snow, Vice Chair; Ms. Ives, Mr. Limbacher, Mr. McKain, Mr. Scott, Mr. Wood

Others- Mr. Covell, Mr. Nash

Call to Order, 7.05 p.m.

AGENDA- MOTION by Mr. Limbacher, SECOND by Mr. Scott, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to accept the agenda by a vote of 6-0.

I. APPLICATIONS

1.) Hennessey: This application is complete.

2.) Driftway Park Trailhead: This is a proposal for the area on Driftway located in front of the sewer treatment plant. It would connect with the trails and would include a kiosk with a lavatory where, before heading into the park, people would have access to historical information and recreational, educational, open space, and historical benefits.

Mr. Limbacher said he had no problem with the proposal, but questioned whether it is acceptable under the Act.

Mr. Bulman noted that parts are acceptable, but not the building and bathrooms. He also does not see the recreational aspects.

Mr. Snow offered to elaborate. Ed Connell of Marine Environmental Educational Consortium, a nonprofit group working with Massasoit Community College, wants to bring the college into the town. They propose to connect the trailhead to existing paths beginning in the area where brush is now deposited. and build an educational park and facility on land presently owned by the Conservation Commission.. They also have preliminary plans for a parking area.

Mr. Kalishes has walked the land with Mr. Rosen and they are both excited about the project. They have frontage on the street. There will be laboratories for the study of wastewater treatment and windmills, lighting, and tracks into the marsh, etc.

Mr. Bulman said he is not super familiar with the existing trail system and asked if it can be improved.

Mr. Snow said the Conservation Commission has an ongoing plan to improve the area, including a boat ramp, etc. They have a survey and a plan for a gravel parking lot.

Mr. Wood said he became nervous when he saw the plan for building, since nothing other than a minor ancillary can be done with CPC funds.

Ms. Ives noted that the open space is already there, and asked what aspect was recreational.

Mr. Covell said they plan to train marine technicians and provide scientific monitoring of the sea and fresh water quality from the water treatment facility. The project will tie into recreation and history

as they look into revitalization of the historic waterfront of the South Shore and recreational and commercial boating. The project will be of great value to the town.

Ms. Ives noted that bathrooms cannot be built with CPC money and Mr. Bulman pointed out that if the parking is just for the school, that would not qualify.

Mr. Snow said the parking area would be used for overflow. Mr. Kalishes is eager to increase the use of the facility.

Mr. Bulman said the proposal must be spelled out as to exactly what the Town would get. Some designs on the trail headed south might work, such as lighting for recreation.

Mr. Scott said that all his life he has felt this type of technical service is greatly needed, but as he sees it now, he does not feel he can vote for CPC funding. For boating and history? Absolutely. But recreation is somewhat sketchy. He feels that this is a very valuable project.

Mr. Snow observed that the Town is trying to build a senior center and a park, and Mr. Bulman said he does not see how the Town can build a parking lot for Massasoit. Mr. Snow added that the money is requested for design.

MOTION by Mr. Scott that the project as presented does not fall within CPC guidelines, but that the committee strongly encourages the proponents to work in concert with the conservation and recreation committees to see what they can develop. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mr. Wood and passed UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Limbacher asked if the application, as submitted, can be developed and Mr. Bulman said it would be necessary to see if they can put together a master plan that will qualify by November 1. They may have an application ready within ten days and it could be scheduled as one of the last to be heard. This would give them some time for improvement.

Mr. McKain pointed out that anything funded by CPC must be available for anyone who uses the trails.

3.) J.W. Blanchard- Mr. Bulman noted that this application includes two parcels on Old Kent Street. It is land, and therefore eligible under open space.

Mr. Scott observed that the application stated that a well was on that property. Mr. Scott said well is not on Blanchard Property and further the well has been abandoned and is not part of the Town's potable water supply. It is mostly wetland.

Mr. Bulman observed that it is land, and therefore eligible. This does not mean they can do it, but they are eligible to apply.

MOTION by Mr. Wood, SECOND by Mr. Snow, and VOTED 6-1 in favor that the application submitted by J.W. Blanchard and the Blanchard Family is eligible for CPC funding under open space. Mr. Scott voted against.

4.) This application involves restoring the old WPA stone building on the former tennis court in North Scituate for use as a visitors' center. The structure is eligible for listing on the National Register. Mr. Scott said that the building does qualify and there has been significant work done to determine what must be done to restore its historic significance. The Historical Commission has

applied to the National Registry and has done fund raising. They now need help with the actual restoration.

Ms. Ives asked if this application was limited to the building, and Mr. Scott replied that it was. They have done some historical restoration on the slate roof.

Mr. Bulman observed that it appeared the applicants want to preserve what is already there, such as the existing doors, etc. Mr. Snow and Mr. McKain agreed.

MOTION by Ms. Ives, SECOND by Mr. McKain and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED that the application for historic restoration of the building is eligible for funding under the CPA Act.

4.) Healthy Living for Scituate's Seniors: Mr. Bulman observed that the application appeared to create a gymnasium or workout room and MOVED that it is not eligible by definition under the guidelines as specified in the Act. The MOTION was SECONDED by Mr. Scott and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

August 11, 2008: MOTION by Mr. Bulman, SECOND by Mr. Limbacher and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to accept the Minutes of August 11 as corrected.

2.) September 8, 2008: MOTION by Mr. Bulman, SECOND by Mr. Limbacher and UNANIMOUSLY to accept the Minutes of September 8 as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS-

1.) Mr. Bulman distributed a spread sheet outlining funding available for this year and going forward.

2.) Mr. Bulman will send a letter to past project directors asking for a written status of projects.

3.) South Swamp: It has not been possible to delineate property ownership. It must be determined how to protect the aquifer. Mr. Scott had expected suggestions from the Water Resource Committee. He would like that committee to prioritize areas for acquisition.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting Location: Mr. Ball has said the Historical Society would like CPC to meet at the GAR Hall. Members agreed.
2. Affordable Housing: Vin Doyle is interested in creating five units of affordable housing on First Parish Road.
3. Robert Kuhel Community Preservation Award: This organization is looking for projects. There is a December 31 deadline. Projects appropriate for the Large Community Category might include the GAR Hall, Lawson Tower, or the west end trails. Mr. Bulman and others will go over the list for appropriate applications.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:20 P.M.

MOTION by Mr. Limbacher, SECOND by Mr. Bulman, and UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire McDonough