



CPC MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2013
WPA, North Scituate

Members Present: Mrs. Lisa Halbower-Fenton, Chair, Mr. Joshua McKain, Mr. Rob McCarry, Mrs. Marla Minier, Mr. Harvey Gates

Other Present: Mr. Jim Dayton, Mrs. Cynde Robbins

- Call to order 7:25 pm
- Acceptance of Agenda- Motion was made by Marla Minier. Second Rob McCarry. All in favor.
- Acceptance of Minutes- Motion was made by Joshua McKain. Second Rob McCarry. All in favor.
- Invoice Signing-Signing of invoice letter for 2013-2014 fiscal year. Harvey Gates is again designated to be signatory of invoices in the event Lisa Halbower-Fenton is unable to sign.
- Signage-Lisa is going to ask Bill Limbacher to discuss CPC signage and determine where the sign could be strategically placed.
- Appointments for 2013-2014-George Trafton is stepping down for next year. He is an At-Large appointee. Lisa asked if anyone had any suggestions for a person to fill the opening. Lisa mentioned that Penny Pipes was interested. Marla said that her friend Camille Wells was interested as well. Camille helped to establish the Scituate Recreation Department and was an active member of the Scituate League of Women Voters. Harvey believed she would be an excellent addition to the committee. Marla believed she already sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen.
- Old Business-
 - 1) The Lind/Litchfield property is getting ready to close however needs Conservation Restriction. Higgins/McAllister is waiting for notice that probate issue is resolved and is also waiting for Conservation Restriction. Cynde Robbins will check on whether Higgins decided on road adjustment or not, so can move forward. John Bulman will be acting on behalf of the CPC on Higgins McAllister and Lind/Litchfield (Nicholas Wade) acquisition. Attorney Kathleen O'Donnell will act as counsel. She is a member of CPA Steering Committee and handles CP legal matters throughout the state.



- 2) Dick Eckhouse is looking for the Maritime Park application (Marine Park 2005). He wants to find out how much funding was allocated for landscaping of the project. Cynde Robbins offered to look to see if she has a copy. If she can find the application she will drop in the CPC mailbox for Priscilla to copy
- New Business-
 - 1) Marla spoke about how two Town Selectmen are pushing to eliminate CPC, so that the 3% surcharge taken to fund CPC projects can be eliminated or reduced thereby reducing the total tax that would be necessary to fund a new town hall, middle school, and first responder complex. The committee believes they need to be proactive about this initiative. The CPC needs to make the community aware of the benefits it brings to the town. The 3% surcharge is matched at varying levels each year by the state. Lisa would like to get a letter from the Recreation Department that shows all the support CPC provides for recreation projects. Josh voiced his concern that the reduction in the 3% surcharge would reduce the matching funds from the state. Lisa does not believe the community will support the disbanding of the CPC. The CPC funds are used to purchase open space, help restore important town historical assets, affordable housing, recreational trails and fields, as well as improvement projects in the harbor. All these things enhance the Scituate community and help to increase tourist revenue. The committee agreed that it would be beneficial to have a meeting with the Board of Selectmen in order to present the benefits of CPC. Harvey mentioned that two years ago at Town Meeting this same issue came up and it did not get a lot of community support. Marty O'Toole wants to get rid of the CPC surcharge. CPC funds affect everyone in the community; if you walk in a park, kid's recreation fields and courts, signage, beaches, waterways, the harbor, protective seawalls for the lighthouse, open space acquisitions, Teak garden, Affordable Housing Trust, and historical preservation. The town has no line item budget to cover these expenses and have relied on CPC funds to do so. There is also no other vehicle available in which the state will provide matching funds.
 - 2) Website needs to be updated by Noreen Sharpe. Lisa will contact her to discuss this matter.
 - 3) Thursday a meeting will be held by the Affordable Housing Trust and the Housing Authority. They will be meeting with Shelly Goehring from the Coalition, Massachusetts affordable Housing Alliance as a follow up from the March seminar. They will be discussing possible joint projects. Lisa will be attending the meeting and will report back to the committee on what was discussed. Lisa will also ask Steve Coulter, if he is still interested in being the Affordable Housing Advisor for the CPC.
 - 4) Rob McCarry will report back on Recreation support letter and who in the Recreation Department will be the contact person for invoices and contracts on upcoming projects.
 - 5) Marla saw an email from Town Engineering that preliminary work has begun on the Country Way path.
 - Adjourn 8:15 pm. Motion by Harvey Gate. Second by Joshua McKain. All in favor.