

Gloucester Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of June 24, 2014 Meeting

Members Present: Sandy Dahl-Ronan, J.J. Bell, Charles Crowley, Scott Smith, Stacy Randell, Joe Orlando, John Feener

Members Absent: Bill Dugan, David Rhineland

Staff Present: Debbie Laurie, Senior Project Manager

Others Present: David Santomena, Essex County Greenbelt

The Meeting was opened by Sandy Dahl-Ronan, co-chair, at 6:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 17, 2014 meeting of the CPC were reviewed.

Motion made by Ms. Dahl-Ronan to Accept the Minutes as written.

Motion seconded by Ms. Randell

Motion Passed

Recap of the Status of Rounds One through Four

Ms. Laurie discussed the status of outstanding awards.

Public Landing Restoration: Regarding the public landing restoration at Hodgkin's Cove and Head of Lobster Cove, Ms. Laurie reported that purchase orders have been processed and that items will be ordered shortly. Mr. Feener did a site visit with Harbormaster Jim Caulkett at Hodgkin's Cove. He suggests referring to the Massachusetts guidelines regarding planting trees on city-owned property.

North Gloucester Woods: It looks as if the \$15,000 grant that was approved in the 2013 round may be coming back with Board Approval.

Round Five

Mr. Bell reviewed the Round Five straw vote from the previous meeting. It appears that at present, the Community Preservation has \$400,000 to grant in Round Five. Mr. Bell summarized the outstanding questions:

1. Holy Family Parish - Discussed whether awarded funds would be returned to the CPC should the church cease operations or move from St. Ann's. There was agreement that funds would be reimbursed if the church is sold or moves.
2. Magnolia Library - More bids are needed for sprinkler system. We have received no estimates for this, only for an alarm system. They are working on getting additional estimates.
3. Essex County Greenbelt - Previous meeting discussed not funding the Annisquam Woods purchase in this round but consider off-cycle funding. David Santomena, Director of Land Conservation for Essex County Greenbelt spoke to us regarding various scenarios. He reported that donors had stepped up to pledge \$500,000 and that they would only ask for \$300,000 from CPC (vs. original request of \$500,000 from CPC and \$300,000 from donors). Mr. Santomena explained a 56% reimbursement program to the city. Project certainty without the land grant. There was a discussion of the merits of the Annisquam Woods and grant monies. Mr. Crowley questioned whether the

committee would commit to the project without the funds from the state grant. Mr. Orlando discussed the issue of bonding and that he is not in favor of such bonding. There was some discussion regarding awarding CPC monies as a placeholder showing the City's commitment to the project. A grant of \$20,000, the Greenbelt would go before City Council to request a commitment of the balance with the hopes of getting the state grant (and reimbursement). There was much discussion and it was decided that we would discuss Annisquam Woods at the next meeting once we get additional information.

Motions Proposed

Magnolia Library Center Inc.	6-0 Approved
Magnolia Point Cemetery Committee	6-0 Not Approved
Gloucester Writers Center	5-1 Approved
Phyllis A. Marine Association	6-0 Not Approved
Rocky Neck Art Colony, Inc.	6-0 Approved
City Hall Restoration Committee	5-1 Not Approved
Magnolia Historical Society, Inc.	6-0 Not Approved
Gloucester Historical Commission	6-0 Not Approved
Cape Ann Historical Assoc. (CA Museum)	5-0-1 Approved
Historic NE, Beauport, Sleeper-McCann House	6-0 Approved
Holy Family Parish	5-1 Approved
Oak Grove Cemetery	5-0-1 Approved
City of Gloucester/CAWSL, Mattos Field	6-0 Approved
Magnolia Bike Club	6-0 Not Approved
City of Gloucester, Burnham's Field	6-0 Approved
Burnham's Community Garden	6-0 Approved

Essex County Greenbelt-Discussed \$61,000 from FY 2015 Motion was made to allocate \$50,000 from FY2015 for preserving Annisquam Woods. Motion passed 6-0

My View Column

Ms. Dahl-Ronan and Mr. Bell met with Gloucester Daily Times Editor Ray Lamont to talk about CPC coverage and the great strides the Committee has made to make Gloucester a better place for all. There will continue to be My View columns in the paper on a regular basis regarding CPA and the city.

Next Meeting

August 19, 2014 at 6:00 pm, City Hall's 3rd Floor Conference Room

Adjournment

Motion made by JJ Bell to Adjourn the Meeting
Motion seconded by Charlie Crowley
Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.