

Town of Ayer
Community Preservation Committee

Town Hall * One Main Street * Ayer, MA01432
Minutes for 11/3/10 - Approved 12/1/10

Location: Town Hall, 1st Floor

Members present: Alene Reich (AR) [At Large]- Chair, Gary Luca (GL) [BOS], Scott Houde (SH)[FinCom], Janet Providakes (JP)[Housing], Jess Gugino (JG) [ConsCom]- Clerk

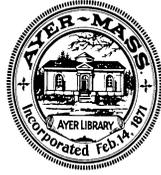
Not present: Mark Fermanian (MF) [Planning Board], Beth Suedmeyer (BS) [At Large], Vacancy [Parks & Rec.], Vacancy [Historical]
APAC taped: NO

7:06 PM – Open Meeting

- **Meeting Minutes Approval**
 - GL moved to approve minutes for 6/2/10 and 9/2/10 as written; SH 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

- **Continuing Business**
 - Pleasant Street School pocket park was briefly discussed.
 - JP attended a meeting on this the previous week.
 - Housing is reviewing pricing and other details so as to be able to make as complete a presentation as possible when appearing before the CPC in December.
 - It is hoped to have an article on the warrant for Spring Town Meeting.

- **New Business**
 - Fletcher Building
 - GL talked recently with Bob France, of Senate Construction in Shirley.
 - Mr. France is interested in applying for CPC funds in the category of Historic Resources for restoration of the Fletcher Building in Ayer and may attend the CPC's December meeting.
 - AR said CPC funding could be used for anything dealing with exterior renovation.
 - It may also be possible for the CPC to help with funding the mitigation of contamination around the building.
 - Community Preservation Coalition
 - AR received an invoice for \$750 for annual membership dues for calendar year 2010.
 - SH asked what the benefits were for this membership.



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- AR said they are a resource CPC can use instead of having to use Town Counsel.
GL moved to approve payment and authorize the Chair to sign for payment; JP 2nd.
- AR moved to amend this motion to have all CPC members present sign the invoice.
 - Amended motion approved unanimously and the invoice passed around for signature.
- SH asked how much money currently resided in CPC funds.
 - AR: as of 9/1/10:
 - Open Space \$97,352
 - Conservation (Open Space) \$499,153
 - Historic \$89,517
 - Community Housing \$83,435
 - Budgetary Reserve \$105,220
- AR said she has been looking on-line for parcels for sale in Ayer but has not seen anything noteworthy.
 - The missed opportunity for the land that is now the site of the proposed Emily's Way development was noted.
- AR communicated by email with Stuart Saginor, of the Community Preservation Coalition, as to whether CPC funds could be used to support Fire Chief Pedrazzi's proposal to acquire land adjacent to the Fire Station as a means of mitigating continuing flooding concerns.
 - Chief Pedrazzi spoke to the CPC about this on 9/2/10.
 - Stuart Saginor responded to AR's inquiry saying this kind of project absolutely did *not* qualify for CPC funds.
- JP asked about CPC's interest in seeking another member.
 - AR said that some time in the next month or two, she will be appointed as the CPC representative from the Historical Commission, of which she has just become a member.
 - This will open up a Citizen-at-large seat, which AR currently holds, on the CPC.
 - GL may know some residents who may be interested.
- **7:27 PM – Adjourn Meeting**
 - GL moved to adjourn; JP 2nd.
 - Motion approved unanimously.