

October 7, 2010

Members present: Nancy Phillips & Richard Combra JR

Others present: Karen Achilles (OBPRA)

CPA Application

Commissioner Phillips called an emergency meeting due to the CPA deadlines; Commissioner deBettencourt was unable to attend.

Commissioner Phillips said in order to get additional funding for the Sea View bathroom restoration and discussed with the Town Administrator and the architect was to have the area dedicated and voted on as a “new” park then CPA funds could be used for creating a park. She thought that OBPRA could partner with the Park Department in the CPA funding application in order to get \$115,000 for site work which would go out to bid and local contractors could submit proposals, and the other \$70,000 would be for the company that is DCAM certified. She said that if they don’t get the funding then the job cannot be completed and would lose the funding and will be \$120,000 short for Waban/Alley Park which the Town does not have.

Commissioner Combra asked if the project could be re-designed.

Commissioner Phillips replied that the architect said that she could bring it down 5-10% which still wouldn’t do it.

Commissioner Combra answered that he didn’t have a problem with her proposal and how she plans to do it, he would vote to do it but he felt it was ridiculous to spend \$500,000 on the building. He added the repeal of funding CPA money may be on the warrant for the annual Town meeting and he would support that effort.

Commissioner Phillips said that this proposal was for the November 2010 Town meeting and using funds that have already been collected.

Karen Achilles was concerned about the indebtedness and would like to beautify and chance getting CPA funds.

Commissioner Phillips said that it only has to go to Town meeting in order for it to be declared a park; she said the CPA application needs to be submitted by October 15, 2010.

Motion: The Oak Bluffs Park Department in partnership with Oak Bluffs Park & Recreation Association to request CPA funding from 2010 for approximately \$185,000 which is needed extra for the historical rehabilitation, site work and handicap accessibility funding.

By: Commissioner Phillips

Second: Commissioner Combra.

Motion passed unanimously.

Fishing Pier

MVC is holding a public hearing regarding the proposed DMF fishing pier off North Bluff; after discussion both Commissioner Phillips and Combra agreed it would be appropriate to speak in favor of the proposal.

Sunset Lake area

The Friends and Neighbors of Sunset Lake is now a non-profit organization and will be applying for CPA funds for the conservation/preservation and beautification of Sunset Lake and Lakeside Park. Commissioners Phillips and Combra were in favor of supporting their efforts.

Niantic Park

Commissioner Phillips discussed the CPA grant application (due October 15th) for Niantic Park preservation and adjacent watershed engineering for storm water mitigation and quotes were being obtained. Commissioner Combra was in agreement.

DISCLAIMER: These minutes are based on a tape recording and as such have a margin of error.

Next meeting October 18, 2010