

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF 3/15/06 MEETING

Members present: Stephen Durkee, Harvey Beth, Cheryl Sashin, Joan Hughes, Alison Shaw.

Other participants and attendees: Adam Wilson.

Members Absent: Charles Rock, Allan deBettencourt, Peter Martell, David Wessling

The meeting was held in the Conservation Commission Office. Stephen Durkee, Acting Chairman began the meeting at 9:40 am.

Minutes from 3/8 meeting were motioned, seconded and approved 4 - 0 - 1.

A discussion began with Committee members about the CPC's vision statement.

The Committee re-drafted the statement so that it would read as follows:

"The mission of the Oak Bluffs CPC is to offer recommendations for the creation and preservation of open space, historical properties and affordable housing, thus preserving our heritage, providing for our families and protecting our future."

Cheryl made a motion to approve the Committee's drafted statement. Stephen seconded.

THE BOARD VOTED 5 - 0 TO APPROVE THE COMMITTEE'S MISSION/VISION STATEMENT.

-Stephen presented a draft of the handout the Committee wants to present at Town Meeting April 11th. Committee Members then discussed changes in the layout to make it more attractive to read for residents at the meeting. Stephen asked for addresses, both regular and e-mail that could be put on the document.

-Adam was asked to get an e-mail address from Raven at Town Hall to be put on the handout so people could correspond electronically. Adam also suggested that for the present time any other correspondence could come to him at the Town Hall's address (P.O. Box 1327).

-The Committee discussed how the handout should look in terms of content. The format was considered in terms of placement of mission statement, frequently asked questions and suggestions on types of projects the CPA can provide funding for. There were questions about whether or not local printers would provide discounts for the flyer and could the CPC review projects that could have regional impact.

-The Committee discussed requests for proposals being part of the handout and looked at the CDC report for ideas that could be suggested in the three areas the CPA covers.

-Cheryl thought historic preservation of individual homes would be very appealing.

-Stephen recognized the possibility of rehabilitating the old Town Hall.

-Harvey stated that partnerships or matching grant programs involving businesses, especially those that are in areas considered gateways to the town, could have great impact.

-Alison suggested boxes for the Town's pump stations.

-Harvey also suggested mixed use on Circuit Avenue for housing development and making funds available for rental conversion and home ownership programs. Harvey emphasized that the CPA passed because the community recognized that affordable housing was an important issue that needed to be addressed.

The Committee passed around suggestions as to what funding could happen for open space. Beaches, the bike path, North Bluff and Niantic Park were all suggested as places where projects could occur. The Committee reminded itself that not only do projects have to be sought out but maintenance has to be considered as well.

-Stephen said he would rewrite the flyer and Alison would include more prints

-Harvey said he would talk to Bob Iadiccio (sp?) to set up a program about the CPA at the Senior Center for 4/7. The Committee scheduled their next meeting for 3/29 @ 9:30am in the Library Historical Room.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am.