

**CPC Minutes**  
**Feb. 2, 2016**

Present: Jim Natle, Les Squires, Betsy Loughran, Megan Manitsas, Wilbur Quirk, Nancy Bachmann, Judy Healy, Peg Louraine, Linda Leduc

Guests: Jill Bierly, Maxine Oland, Pamela Rogers, Kathleen Piquette

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10.
2. We have \$312,000 in our account but we also have debt service to pay off. We have over \$500,000 in proposals this year.
3. **The Housing Project:** Pamela Rogers and Kathleen Piquette were here from the Housing Authority.
  - Their windows project can be split in two but it will cost more. The original money was diverted to bathrooms and to a fire alarm system.
  - There is no prospect of another Dept. of Housing grant.
  - They got a block grant for a sidewalk project.
  - There may be a possibility of a CDBG grant with Hadley for a housing grant. They just heard about the possibility. Gary Brougham was at the meeting.
4. **The Interpretive trail:**
  - They have decided that they are not ready to apply for a DOR grant. They need to complete a feasibility study first. The Landscaping Dept. at UMass will help them with the study next fall.
  - They did not get the Mass Historical grant.
  - For these reasons, it will be another year before they can apply for these grants.
  - Jill is a grad student and has ideas for the project. She is thinking of doing an oral history with former residents, staff, and town residents. There would be focus groups and individual interviews. of using BCTV for the taping and space in various town buildings. There shouldn't be any cost for any of this.
  - A question is whether the project will fit under historic preservation. Betsy will research this question and come with an answer to our next meeting.
  - Another question is how fundable the project is. Megan suggest that they talk to Andy French of the Sylvio Conte Reservation. Another idea is to talk to the Grantham Project Assisted Living Project as the Planning Board is interested in getting them to help fund. They might be a potential partner.
  - The Committee feels that the project is a little ahead of other key decisions such as the plans of the Grantham Group for roads, etc.
5. **The FY 17 Appropriation (See attached) The Committee still felt confused after reviewing this information as to which funds will be available. Jim will research the matter further and report back.**

- We have \$312,990 before debt Service
- We have \$4,167 in additional money from the extra FY16 appropriation.
- Debt service is \$125,000
- So we have \$187,990 left to allocate.
- We also have the 10% funds from next year's expected appropriation. We normally have spent this money.
- We have requests for \$553,873.

**6. The minutes of Jan 19<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented (Healy/Squires)**

**7. Projects:**

- Jim talked to Donna from DPW. We told her that we don't think we can fund the Old Town Hall proposal. The Parson's Field project fits recreation but probably not historic preservation. Steve is due to attend our next meeting.
- The Basketball Court Grant has been revised with the one sentence at the bottom of p. 3 crossed out.
- Holland Glenn: We want to know if they can use less than \$70,000.
- Cemeteries: The project looks complete.
- Clapp Memorial Library: See attached e-mail. It still seems as if last year's money isn't spent. Another question is whether the 2008 money was spent on repair rather than for rehabilitation. We will ask Sheila McCormick to attend our next meeting at 7:30. We would like clarity about what was done in 2008 and we need to be clear that the money given in 2014 has to be spent on the project as voted at Town Meeting.

**8. Next meeting is Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) rather than Tuesday at 7 pm.**

**9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 (Leduc/Squires)**