

**CPC Minutes**  
**October 21, 2014**

**Present:** Les Squires, Jim Natle, Betsy Loughran, Peg Louraine, Megan Manitsas, Linda Leduc, Judy Healy

1. The meeting was called to order by Jim Natle, Chair.
2. The minutes of the past two meetings will be reviewed and voted on at our next meeting.
3. The website will be on the next agenda as well.
4. Budget Issues.
  - We don't have either the town or State grants for next year. The town rate will not be set until the end of November. Until we know those numbers, we cannot give any grants.
  - Our debt service is \$126,000 for the next two years. The bond on the Memorial Hall windows expires in 2016; the bond on Old Town Hall expires in June 2017, and the Jackson Farm bond in May 2017. Until we have paid off these bonds, we are limited in the new grants we can provide.
5. Jessica's Boundless

There were a number of questions about the application from Jessica's Boundless Playground. Most of these will be answered when we assign a Committee member to work with the group. Peg Louraine has volunteered for this project.

- There's a question about whether the landscape is included in the current budget or whether they need this new grant for that purpose.
- If we fund their proposal, the total cost is \$750,000 which is a much more than the original application.. We don't' completely understand where this larger number came from.
- What kind of discounts have been granted?
- What are the outstanding grants? What are their timeframes?

However, the major problem is that the application was submitted outside of our normal process. We have only done this once in our history and that was

because we would have lost a major state grant if we didn't meet the state timing guidelines. The Committee did not see a compelling reason to make an exception here. This year, we will have very limited grants for unrestricted projects such as this one due to the cost of servicing our debt, and the need to reserve 30% of the funds for the mandated projects – land use, historical preservation, and housing. The Committee does not feel that it is fair to give a grant out of sequence that would jeopardize our ability to evaluate other proposals. However, we are very willing to look at this proposal during our regular grant sequence.

- A motion was made that we not consider any grant application outside of our regularly published timelines absent a time sensitive grant (Lorraine, Squires (5/2/0)

6. Motion to adjourn (Lorraine, Leduc 7/0/0)