Community Preservation Committee Minutes for Meeting 12/12/2023 at Cobb Library



Present

- Mary Rose- Co-Chair, Betty Gallo, Sue Girard-Irwin, Diane Messinger, Lindsey White, Apryl Shenk-CPC Coordinator, Bonnie Brown-Bonse, Caitlyn Townsend
- Guest Jarrod Cabral DPW Director
- Absent- Jim Summers
- Meeting called to order at 4:00pm.

Minutes

• Sue made a motion to approve November 7, 2023 minutes. Betty seconded, 4 in favor, 2 Abstained, Motion approved.

Agenda

- Re-Review of submitted grant applications with discussion.
- Truro Central School-Truro Central School Early Childhood Playground. Outdoor Recreation.
 Jarrod was present to assist in responding to any CPC inquiries, specifically the need to include signage that states that funding was supplied by Truro CPC and including information regarding public access outside of regular school hours.
- Lower Cape Community Development Corporation DBA Community Development Partnership (CDP) Lower Cape Housing Institute. Betty attempted to get answers regarding how many Truro residents attended the seminars in the last two years and how and who they will contact for future seminars. Betty Gallo will also follow up CDP with the requested information on if Truro residents could attend.
- Affordable Housing Trust Housing. A brief discussion took place regarding communication Mary Rose had with town Accountant (Trudi Brazil) as to the specific usage of CPC funds from the Affordable Housing Trust, as this information is required to be reported annually in accordance with the (Community Preservation Act (CPA). Additionally, discussion took place regarding the vote that was taken at the 2022 Annual Town Meeting in which it was voted to convert the Affordable Housing Trust to a Municipal Housing Trust, which would change the responsible party (the Selectboard) to members of various Committees. Note: Neither of these issues have been satisfactorily addressed as of this meeting.
- The Spring Brook project in Brewster Grant request was discussed with regards to funds and
 allocations for the housing fund as a whole. Additionally, this request is not fully supported by all
 the Committee members, as there is some concern about large projects that are being proposed
 in Truro, and the fact that Truro residents may not benefit from this particular Housing Project.

- Applicants of the housing grant requests will be requested to attend a future meeting to address the concerns and questions from the committee.
- Betty questioned the approval process when invoices are submitted to Trudi for payment.

 AS comment January meeting to clarify approval process.

New business

No new business

Next Meeting

• Thursday, January 4, 2024, 4:30PM at the Truro Public Library unless notice of change.

Adjournment

- Bonnie made a motion to adjourn, Sue seconded. All in favor.
- Meeting adjourned at 5:08pm

Respectfully submitted,

Apryl Shenk

