



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH Community Preservation Committee

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Community Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes November 30, 2006

7:00 p.m. - Conference Room B, Town Hall, 63 Main Street, Northborough, MA

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Campbell, Chairman
Andrew Clark
Christopher Kellogg
Robert Rosenberg
Thomas Sartori
Arlene Marshall
Joan Clowes
Jane Fletcher
Todd Helwig
Kathy Joubert, Town Planner

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. The minutes from the October 26, 2006 meeting were approved.

The meeting began with a general discussion regarding the nine CPA Applications that were received. Kathy Joubert distributed copies of all applications to committee.

(1)

NAME OF PROJECT: Town Hall Carpet and Selectmen Room Drapery Replacements

NAME OF APPLICANT: Allison Dettorre, Recreation Director

CPA CATEGORY: Historic

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$\$92,820/\$5,500

The Committee questioned whether this was a capital expense vs. a maintenance issue. Kathy Joubert explained the Committee has the ability to use money for capital projects and that maintenance of Town facilities is eligible for CPA funding. Andy Clark questioned whether this was a way of getting around the process of asking for money through a vote at Town Meeting. Kathy Joubert offered to get guidelines from the Dept. of Revenue. John Campbell felt that this project was probably close to an allowable use, but questioned whether this would open a "Pandora's Box" for other maintenance issues

(2)

NAME OF PROJECT: Town Hall Gym Floor Replacement
NAME OF APPLICANT: Allison Dettorre, Recreation Director
CPA CATEGORY: Open Space/Recreation
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$43,000

The Committee felt the Town would vote for this because it brings in revenue and is used by a large number of residents.

(3)

NAME OF PROJECT: Improvements & Irrigation for Athletic Fields at Melican Middle School
NAME OF APPLICANT: Rick Hagen, President, Northboro Baseball Assn., John O'Reilly, President, Northboro Soccer, Mike Vulcano, President, Northboro Pop Warner Football
CPA CATEGORY: Open Space/Recreation
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$35,000

Now that ARHS is finished the Town wants to reclaim fields through irrigation. The Committee wants to know if the Water/Sewer Department has been contacted. All three organizations will commit funds to help pay for this project. The three groups would also assume the maintenance of fields.

(4)

NAME OF PROJECT: Fund for the Preservation of Historical Commission
NAME OF APPLICANT: Arlene Marshall, Vice Chairman, Historical Commission
CPA CATEGORY: Historic
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$150,000

Arlene Marshall explained to the Commission that opportunities arise and there is no funding to purchase historic buildings for sale. She also explained that there are a variety of grants that would assist in a purchase with a 50-75% matching funds.

(5)

NAME OF PROJECT: Survey of Historical Resources
NAME OF APPLICANT: Northborough Historical Commission
CPA CATEGORY: Historic
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$30,000

The RFP for the first phase has been sent out. Once a firm is chosen the funding would cover the historic inventory in town. The Commission feels that there will be at least 300 properties on list.

(6)

NAME OF PROJECT: Renovation of 1894 Library Building
NAME OF APPLICANT: Jean Langley, Library Director
CPA CATEGORY: Historic
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$160,000

The Committee expressed concern about what they have heard about the rising cost of the library. The Committee didn't know if the architectural plans would change to accommodate price differences. The library needs a certain dollar amount raised to receive the state grant. It was also emphasized that this is one of the most historic buildings in town.

(7)

NAME OF PROJECT: Fidrych Farm
NAME OF APPLICANT: Dan Clark
CPA CATEGORY: Open Space/Recreation
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1,500,00

Committee commented that they weren't familiar with this request and had no idea if Mark Fidrych was aware of this proposal.

(8)

NAME OF PROJECT: Haitsma Property Acquisition & Preservation Plan
NAME OF APPLICANT: John Campbell, Chairman, Open Space Committee
CPA CATEGORY: Open space/Recreation
AMOUNT REQUESTED: To Be Determined

The Open Space Committee recommends acquiring this property. The Committee questioned how the purchase and sale would work with the two houses on front of property. Also discussed on how to keep some of the property and (if allowed) selling another portion. Potential funding in the form of bonds was also discussed.

Kathy Joubert will check with DOR and the Community Preservation Coalition regarding use of CPA funds to purchase land presently owned by the Town.

(9)

NAME OF PROJECT: Northborough Trails Committee
NAME OF APPLICANT: Charles Bradley, Co-Chairman, Northborough Trails Committee
CPA CATEGORY: Open Space/Recreation
AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$1970

The Trails Committee has requested the money to buy equipment to maintain the Town trails.

The first public hearing is scheduled for January 4, 2007. The first session will involve the Historic based applications, (1, 2, 4, 5, 6). The public hearing will be continued to January 25, 2007 for the remaining applications (3, 7, 8, 9).

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Kelly
Administrative Assistant