

Town of Agawam
Community Preservation Committee

Committee Minutes
September 24, 2007

Present: Louis Russo, Jennifer Bonfiglio, Ray Moreau, Richard Maggi, Tom Tierney, Dottie Drewnowski, Richard Bennett, Vi Baldwin

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Chairman Kozloski:

1. Motion to accept minutes of 7/30/07 by Vi Baldwin, seconded by Louis Russo. Vote: Unanimous.
2. Motion by Louis Russo to set aside 10% of 2008 estimated revenues for Open Space, 10 % for Historical Resources and 10% for Affordable Housing. Seconded by Dottie Drewnowski. Vote: Unanimous
3. Motion by Tom Tierney to set aside 65% of 2008 estimated revenues to a Budgeted Reserve. Seconded by Vi Baldwin. Vote: Unanimous
4. Motion by Tom Tierney to set aside 5% of 2008 estimated revenues for Administrative Expenses. Seconded by Louis Russo. Vote: Unanimous
5. CPA Detail Report: Motion by Ray Moreau to table CPA detail report to next meeting when the figures are available. Seconded by Vi Baldwin. Vote: Unanimous
6. Updates:
 1. School Street Park: Progress of park reported by Henry Kozloski. Jen & Chris are meeting with The Republican to do a cover story.
 2. Barn: Deb Dachos is planning a meeting to determine future of barn. Barn will be cleaned up, boarded up, and secured. The priority is to only preserve the barn at this point.
 3. Valley Brook/Meadow Brook: Chris Sparks will apply for the Urban Self Help Grant again and plans to use CPA as seed money to do both projects. Tom Tierney suggests survey to determine use and possibly using the grant for a different area of town. Henry refers to the Open Space Plan and the need for neighborhood parks. Discussion continues regarding the ability of the town to maintain the parks/fields. Committee feels that there must be a commitment to maintaining. Tom suggests a use fee or a revenue source for current fields and parks.
7. City Council CPA Sub Committee: Sub Committee has been formed. It consists of 5 members from the City Council. They plan to attend meetings and become more informed of CPA. Joe Mineo is the chairperson. His goal is to have joint meetings. Henry suggest presenting the CPA power point at a council meeting. Louis is concerned the town is not aware that ½ of the CPA revenues come from the state. Tom expresses his concern that there is no discussion at a council meeting when an application is presented. Henry reminds Joe that the council can reduce the amount of the approval rather than just denying an application. Ray asks if the council can go into a committee as a whole? Joe stated that he will do that at future meetings if necessary.

8. CPA Application: Jennifer presented a revised CPA application to the committee for their review and revisions. Discussion will resume at the next meeting.
9. Survey: Committee discusses whether to survey the public or the council to determine long range goals for CPA spending. The consensus of the committee is that the Open Space Plan speaks of the public opinion and there is not a need for a survey.
10. Housing Update: Dottie provided an update on the Agawam Housing Authority. State Housing Authority has agreed to cover the difference in CPA approved amount and cost difference.
11. Motion to adjourn at 8:30 by Tom Tierney. Second by Richard Maggi. Vote: Unanimous.