

Town of Agawam
Community Preservation Committee

Committee Minutes
July 30, 2007

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Vice Chairman Russo:

1. Motion to accept minutes of 6/25/07 by Louis Russo, seconded by Vi Baldwin. Vote: Unanimous, 1 abstained.
2. CPA Funding Application: Captain Charles Leonard House, Inc. \$73,877.00 Historic Landscape Project. Background provided by David Checci. Mr Checci advised that the previous CPA application for \$93,191 was denied by the Council. The Master Plan was previously paid for by CPA and it has not been changed. They have only decided to use a lower bidder and volunteers. The scope of the project remains the same. Ray Moreau asked how many bids they received. Mr. Checci advised 3 bids were received. Vi Bladwin expressed that she is happy a local landscaper is being used. Vi also stated that the bid is not specific enough. Vi and Tom Tierney suggested adding specific before going to the council. Richard Maggi asked what is the difference between this application and the first. Mr. Checci advised that the electrical work will be done pro bono, paving will be paid by the Historical Association, and the master plan remains the same. Richard Bennett advised that Decaro Ladsclaping should reference the dated plan for which they are bidding on. Louis Russo questioned if the Historical Association will come back for additional funds in the future. They advised that no bids in the future are anticipated per the attached memo to the application. Tom Tierney suggests they offer in kind for use of town events. Vi asks the difference between Decaro bid and pproved price. Mr. Checci advised the \$5000 amount is for the sprinkler system. Louis advised Mr. Checci that a deed restriction will also be needed. Louis asks for further discussion. None
Motion by Richard to approve. Seconded by Tom. Vote: Unanimous
3. Open Committee position: Louis advised committee that Council President Don Rheault is asking for nominees for the open position on the committee.
4. Richard Maggi expresses concern over the committee spending money arbitrarily. He suggest tabling applications and voting twice a year, possibly December and June. Tom Tierney agrees, although suggests November and May.
Motion by Tom Tierney to reserve votes to twice/year. Seconded by Richard.
Discussion: Vi suggest tabling until the next meeting when the chairperson is present. Committee agrees.
Richard Bennett motions that the committee not vote at the first meeting on all applications. Motion amended by Tom to: Application approval will not occur at the first CPA hearing and initial presentation. Motion to amend by Tom seconded by Louis Russo . Vote: Unanimous. Motion to approve amended motion by Tom Tierney. Seconded by Vi Baldwin. Vote Unanimous
5. Motion to adjourn at 7:40 by Tom Tierney. Second by Richard Maggi. Vote: Unanimous.