

Community Preservation Committee
Town of Dennis
Wednesday, March 27, 2012
6:15 P.M.
Town Hall

- 1) Call to order: The meeting was convened at 6:20 P. M. with a quorum of 4 out of 6 present; Henry Kelley, Frank Dahlstrom, Juan Donlin and Sheryl McMahan.
- 2) Consideration for 2013 budget proposal for Annual Town Meeting: Sheryl explained the three scenarios to be decided prior to the joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee on April 10, 2012.
Frank moved to accept scenario #3, which would leave \$336,801 available for appropriation. Seconded by Sheryl, all in favor, so voted

There was a motion to reconvene in the large hearing room for public meeting.
Meeting reconvened at 7:00 P. M. in the public hearing.

- 3) Public Meeting: Introduction by Henry Kelley with the reading of the legal notice.
All members introduced themselves (committee or board they represent) Henry explained that Dorria DiManno represents the Planning Board but was unable to attend this meeting due to the bridge traffic.
- 4) Power Point: Frank presented the power point, Sheryl ran the power point:
Committee charge: Preserve open space and historic sites
Create affordable housing
Develop outdoor recreation
Sources of Funding: less than or equal to 3% of the tax levy on real property
Additionally the community receives funds from the CPC trust fund by the DOR.
Achievements from the CPA in Massachusetts:
148 communities involved
1 Billion dollars raised
5000 projects approved
5080 units of affordable housing
14,900 acres of open space preserved
2490 historic projects approved
CPC – how it works: The committee reviews and evaluates applications submitted by citizens for funding for those who qualify. The committee will then make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen at Town Meeting as to how the funds should be awarded.
Local examples: Juan explained the Swan Lake Cemetery project which repaired headstones and the Josiah Dennis Manse restoration project. Sheryl explained the Elkanah Howland housing project. Henry explained the Melpet project.
Timeline: Frank explained that the deadline for applications is May 11, 2012 by 4:00 P. M. Applications are reviewed between May and August. The committee would then decide their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for Town Meeting (TBA) Oct. / Nov.

Sheryl explained the anticipated funding. Frank explained where to get the application and information. The committee asked for any questions.

- 5) Adjournment: Juan moved to adjourn at 7:20 P. M., seconded by Frank, all in favor, so voted.