

**TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2006
JUDGE WELSH MEETING ROOM

Chairman Elaine Anderson convened the meeting at 9:07 a.m. noting the following attendees:

Members present: Elaine Anderson, Chairman; Mona Anderson, Vice Chairman; A.J. Alon; Howard Burchman; Austin Knight; Molly Perdue

[A.J. Alon is a new member from the Housing Partnership.]

Absent Members: Bill Dougal; Stephen Milkewicz

Other Attendee: Keith Bergman, Town Manager

Recorder: Cynthia Curran

The following are meeting minutes, in brief:

UPDATES

Keith Bergman said that the BOS had met with the Town counsel and engineers in executive session, but naturally he could not report on what was said. Mr. Bergman said that the Cumberland Farms project was about a month behind the original timetable. The Town's attorneys are reviewing the proposal from CF about the cleanup of the site. If the proposal is accepted, the Town will negotiate a Purchase and Sale agreement. He hoped the P&S would be done by next month. The MHP would then work on an RFP for development of the site. After the RFP's were received they would know if additional funding would be needed.

The PMPM deed restrictions are still being handled by the attorneys.

[Keith Bergman left at 9:15]

Several members of the CPC had attended the EDC meeting on October 11th and felt that their interaction has been worthwhile. Several members also discussed the working groups they are involved in.

Austin Knight said that his working group has surveyed seventeen properties. They are reviewing them to see how suitable they would be for development. Town-owned properties would be preferable due to the high cost of land here. Larger sites are also preferable to make development more cost effective. Elaine Anderson said that updates from the working groups are on the Town's web site.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Some members expressed frustration at what the CPC has been able to accomplish so far. There was discussion about this and the Chair reviewed what they had in fact done. It was felt that when John Ryan's final report of the Housing Summit working groups comes out, the CPC should take the leadership role in acting on the suggestions. The CPC has about four million dollars to spend over the next twenty years. Howard Burchman suggested that perhaps the CPC could give low-interest loans instead of grants, so they would continue to have funds. Other members liked this idea and the Chair asked Mr. Burchman to head a sub-committee to explore this idea and to talk to bankers and others to get more information.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANTS

The committee reviewed the warrants for the Special Town Meeting.

MOTION: Move to support Article 2 at the Special Town Meeting.

Motion by: Austin Knight **Seconded by:** Mona Anderson **Yea 6 Nay 0**

The CPC had already expressed its opposition to selling Firehouse #2 at this time and therefore to approval of Article 5. The Planning Board will have a public hearing on this on November 8th. Austin Knight will speak for the CPC on this article at the town meeting.

The discussion then turned to Article 12. There were mixed opinions about the article. Some members felt that it would just level the playing with what already happens with other properties when they are sold. The committee decided that they needed more information in order to decide. Since the next CPC meeting is scheduled on November 14th, they decided not to adjourn the meeting today, and to meet briefly before the Town Meeting to vote on the article.

Article 14 was discussed but the CPC decided it was not something they should give an opinion on.
[Austin Knight left at 10:45.]

REVIEW OF MINUTES

MOTION: Move to approve the CPC minutes of October 10, 2006 as written.

Motion by: Molly Perdue **Seconded by:** Mona Anderson **Yea 4 Nay 0 Abstain 1 (AJA)**

The CPC will continue the meeting on November 13th before the Town Meeting.
The meeting was recessed at 10:50.