

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of November 18, 2013 Meeting Shelter Island Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman Peter Vielbig, Vice Chairman Laspia, Debbie Strongin (via telephone), Michael Coles (via telephone), Chuck Kraus, Art Williams, Town Liaison: Supervisor Dougherty

Members Absent: Alfred Kilb

Others Present: Laury Dowd, Howard Johansen, Ambrose Clancey

Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 16, 2013 at 8:30 AM

New Business:

October 21, 2013 Minutes were approved as corrected

Financial Report: Peter Vielbig presented the CPFAB with the Financial Report. (Attached to permanent paper records)

Financial Report was approved, all in favor.

Chairman's Comments:

Chairman Vielbig reported that he took baseline photos of Ryan Horse Farm, Westmoreland, and Sylvester Manor to be included in the Annual Compliance Plans for Development Rights.

New Business:

Stewardship Management Plans:

Halimi and Schultheis:

Chairman Vielbig noted that both of these properties are small and were purchased for particular reasons, but neither of them lend themselves to any specific stewardship.

Schultheis:

Chairman Vielbig reported that this 2 acre parcel is adjacent to Sachem Woods with no specific trail and can be accessed through Sachem Woods. The intention was to leave it in its natural state as animal habitat and aquifer recharge. The CPFAB unanimously agreed to name this property Sachems Woods Annex. Member Williams motioned to name this property Sachems Woods Annex, all in favor.

Halimi:

Chairman Vielbig reported that this property was purchased in 2008 and is located off of North Cartwright Road and is just under one acre with 123 feet bordering Coecles Harbor. It is mostly wetlands with a little bump in the center that goes up to 12 feet, with only 15% of the property being above storm water high tide. There are no invasive species as it is mostly salt water marsh and does not require any specific stewardship.

The CPFAB unanimously agreed to review both these draft Stewardship Plans for approval at the next scheduled meeting.

Peconic Bay CPFA Opinions Bureau Update:

Laury Dowd reported that this Bureau meets with Fred Thiele to review questions regarding appropriate use of CPF, in an effort toward uniformity and provided guidance. She reported that she has added this information to the Town Website under the Committees Tab, which can be accessed by everyone and includes the four opinions they have drafted, along with the CPF Acquisition and Stewardship Rules.

Dickerson Creek Overlook Maintenance:

Neighbor William Dickerson has renewed his summer complaint that trees on the open space parcel pose a hazard to his adjacent property. Supervisor Dougherty provided the Committee copies of Commissioner of Public Works Card's August 6, 2013 report with photographs concluding he was unable to identify any trees that posed a hazard to Mr. Dickerson's property and Town Attorney Dowd's August 7, 2013 concurrence. Photographs that were taken at the time of the visit do not support the complaint that was made.

The CPFAB reviewed the Stewardship plan which states "The balance of the property will be left in its current state, to act as open space, habitat for animals and for storm water recharge. It is currently overgrown with invasive, non-native vegetation, and this plan may be amended at some future time to deal with removal of those plants, grading and other materials which may have been dumped on the property."

Chairman Vielbig reported that he and Member Coles recently revisited the property and can confirm that there is no merit to the complaint. The CPFAB unanimously agreed that as there is no threat to the neighbor or his property the Stewardship Plan should be adhered to as approved.

Old Business:

Target Properties Scoring Packets:

Chairman Vielbig reported that Member Coles and Member Kraus have submitted their packets and the other members are in the process of completing theirs.

Chairman Vielbig stated that he will summarize all the information submitted in an effort to compile averages for each property. It was generally agreed that while this system is limited, it is a place to start.

The CPFAB generally agreed that updating the current map to show all the acquired properties as well as the targeted properties would be very helpful in this process. Chairman Vielbig indicated that he will work on updating the map.

Review Draft Letter to Brokers:

Chairman Vielbig distributed copies of a letter he drafted for consideration, to be sent to Shelter Island Brokers, along with an open space rating system list for land acquisition, in an effort to solicit listed properties that might fit into the criteria for open space preservation. Following review and discussion the CPFAB agreed that this process should be done on a more informal basis.

Close Public Meeting at 9:55 AM