

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of February 25, 2013 Meeting Shelter Island Town Hall

Members Present: Chairman Peter Vielbig, Debbie Strongin, Chuck Kraus, Art Williams, (Michael Coles via telephone)

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Laspia, Alfred Kilb

Members Excused: Town Liaison: Supervisor Dougherty

Others Present: Laury Dowd, Howard Johansen

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 18, 2013 at 8:30 AM

New Business:

January 14, 2013 Minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Peter Vielbig presented the CPFAB with the Financial Report. (Attached)

Chairman Vielbig suggested that Member Williams and Member Coles form a subcommittee to determine whether the CPFAB should make a recommendation to the Town Board to pay back the Bond Anticipation Note of \$500,000 at this time. Chairman Vielbig extended this invitation to all the members of the CPFAB.

Chairman's Comments:

Chairman Vielbig reported that he met with the Vine Busters and Jay Card to explore ways that this volunteer group can work along with the CPFAB to clear properties in an effort to make them more accessible to the public. He further reported that Jay Card suggested the CPFAB invest in the purchase of equipment, such as a chipper, to clear these properties, and to be maintained and stored by the Highway Department.

Ms. Dowd reported that the Town Code states that the CPFAB may purchase equipment, but it must be used only by the CPFAB. She suggested that the CPFAB may also rent equipment to be used by the CPFAB. Member Williams suggested that the Vine Busters could rent the equipment and the CPFAB could hire them to clear the properties in order to off-set the cost of the equipment rental.

Member Strongin opined that she feels the charge of the CPFAB is to acquire natural properties and preserve them in their most natural state, rather than clearing and chipping. She suggested if vines are pulled they should just be cleared out, rather than chipped. The other CPFAB members opined that the paths should be cleared of vines to allow access to the properties.

Chairman Vielbig suggested the Vine Busters inspect the properties they want to clear out and determine and compile a list of the ones which require equipment rental, in an effort to get the most efficient use of the rental equipment. He further suggested the CPFAB invite Jay Card to attend a meeting for further clarification.

Old Business:

Town Web:

Member Kraus reported that MaryEllen McGayhey has offered to take the photos of the properties for a professional fee. The CPFAB reviewed and discussed this issue and agreed to divide the properties among the members, who will inspect the properties annually and take photos of the properties, from the road showing the entrance to the properties, to be posted on the Web with each Management Plan. Chairman Vielbig indicated that he will draw up a list of the properties for the next meeting so they can be assigned to each member.

Stewardship Management Plans:

Stewardship Plan Matrix:

Laury Dowd distributed a draft Matrix of the adopted plans showing the date the plan was adopted, the annual authorized CP funds to be used for maintenance, amount spent annually, and all the issues that were considered, such as: type of signage, birds, animals, tree cutting, nuisance hunting, 4Poster, meadow, wetlands, and structures.

Crescent Beach Annex Stewardship Plan:

The CPFAB reviewed and discussed the Plan suggesting several revisions and Chairman Vielbig indicated that he would make the revisions so that this Plan can be approved at the next scheduled meeting.

New Business:

Review/Revise Priority List:

The CPFAB reviewed and discussed whether the Priority List should be discussed in the public portion of the meeting or the executive session portion of the meeting and agreed that it should be discussed in the public portion.

Chairman Vielbig reported that the spread-sheet he distributed is not the one that has been updated and therefore asked to table this topic until the next scheduled meeting. He indicated that he will e-mail the updated list to each member.

Close public meeting at 9:45 AM