

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (CPA) COMMITTEE

MEETING

5:30 PM, Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Eastham Town Hall

Minutes

Members present: Ed Casarella, Eileen Morgan, Jay Camp, Judy Poulin

Members absent: Peter Wade, Linda Haspel, Ed Brookshire

Others present: Jane Fischer

Vice-Chairman Camp called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

The minutes of September 4, 2014 were approved.

Lisa Panacchione has resigned from the committee. We now have an opening for an at-large member and one from the Planning Board.

Peter Wade and Jay Camp spoke to the Town Accountant regarding projects that are still open. Many of them can be closed returning approximately \$168,000 to our available funding.

Camp said the CPC Coalition website is predicting the amount of money the state will be awarding the CPC for this year is less than last year. The state will determine the funding by November 15th..

Peter Wade has spoken to Town Administrator Vanderhoef regarding a part-time paid position for assistance to the CPA.

Jane Fischer presented a preliminary proposal for the Red Maple Swamp (attached.) It will be formally applied for by December 1, 2014.

The next meeting will be November 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith A. Poulin, Clerk

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A Brief Project Summary for CPC Application to Correct Safety and Handicapped Access Issues and Replace Deteriorated parts to the Red Maple Swamp Trail

BACKGROUND: The half-mile Trail boardwalk was constructed in 1964 with some stop gap construction measures some 15 years ago. The area provides and protects a valuable habitat for several rare species and significant cultural resources.

USAGE: The Trail is a high traffic area all year for visitors and local folks and the second most popular trail within the Cape Cod National Seashore. Children find the boardwalk mysterious and it is a popular destination for school groups. Because of the structural deficiencies to the boardwalk, the Trail has been permanently closed to visitors (totaling 80,000 to 90,000 per year.)

CONSTRUCTION: The project will replace the entire 2400 linear feet of boardwalk in the exact same footprint as the existing plus 250 linear feet of new boardwalk to connect up to existing alignment to create a loop. All handicapped access issues will be addressed and the Trail will be fully handicapped accessible. Work will be performed using NPS in-house forces. The same footing holes (from existing boardwalk) will be used. The posts will be cedar, cut from the site by the park's fire management team. Walking surfaces will be made of recycled materials.

USAGE OF CPC FUNDS: The CPC funds together with National Park Service funds will pay for design, permitting, compliance, main boardwalk removal and construction of the replacement main boardwalk.

THIS PROJECT IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTHAM AND THE CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE TO PRESERVE SAFE ACCESS FOR ALL TO A VALUABLE ASSET, THE RED MAPLE SWAMP, AS PART OF THE FORT HILL AREA.

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