

## Community Preservation Committee January 15, 2014

Present: Deb Ricci, Didi Chadran, John Martin, Joe Hutchinson, Beth Williams, Deb Thomson, Joanne Ward, Joe Schmidt, Leo Blair

In attendance: Sydney Blackwell, John Lee, Jim Lee, Amy Jackson, Ann Taylor, Alex McCurdy, Susan Toll, John Schoenberg

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm. The first part of the meeting was open for public comment. A number of individuals testified in support of the grant application to restore the McCurdy track. John Lee read a letter of endorsement from Rick Maiore. Additional testimony was given by Amy Jackson, Alex McCurdy, John Schoenberg and Susan Toll, all of whom stressed the use of the track in all seasons by residents of all ages. Jim Lee testified that they were seeking additional private funds to completely restore the track for a total cost of \$115K to \$140k.

After the close of the public hearing the committee talked to Ann Taylor of the Hildreth House Building Committee about their grant application for window replacement. Ann stated that the windows would be repaired regardless of the status of the other renovation costs. The grant request was increased to \$66,600 to include installation costs. The HHBC received a second quote from Littleton Lumber which was less than \$66,000. Ann confirmed that the \$66,660 quote did not include the French windows. The cost of the other grants submitted by the HHBC were unchanged.

After some discussion about how to fund the pending grant applications the Committee unanimously approved the following grants:

- \$100,000 for the Harvard Conservation Commission;
- \$150,000 for the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust;
- \$66,660 to the Hildreth House Building Committee for restoration of the Hildreth House windows;
- \$17,000 to the Harvard Historical Commission for the removal of trees around the perimeter of the Shaker Burial Ground;
- \$120,000 to the Harvard Park Association for restoration of the McCurdy Track.

The Committee voted unanimously not to fund the following grants requested by the Hildreth House Building Committee for improvements to Hildreth House:

- \$93,818 for a wheelchair lift;
- \$19,306 for an accessible bathroom;
- \$4,850 for an accessible sink;
- \$19,458 for porch improvement.

In other business the Committee reviewed and approved a draft of the CPC Annual Report. Deb R will submit the report to Julie Doucet for inclusion in the Harvard Annual Report. Leo suggested that the Committee might want to reconsider its percentage share of bond to finance Town Hall restoration in light of its reduced cost.

The Committee adjourned at 8:45 pm.