

**Town of Kingston  
Community Preservation Committee**

MINUTES  
January 15, 2008

Chairman LaBrache opened the meeting of the Community Preservation Committee held on January 15, 2008 at 7:03pm in room 203 at the Town House, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston, MA.

Present: Pine duBois, Susan Farrell, Mathew Hamilton and William Underhill

Absent: Craig Dalton and Ken Moalli

Upon motion made by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Ms. Farrell, following discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was

VOTED: to accept the minutes of December 11, 2007 as corrected

Mr. LaBrache reported a letter to the Kingston Observer was never drafted and at this point should be dropped. Upon motion made by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Underhill, following discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was

VOTED: to not take action on letter to Kingston Observer

Mr. LaBrache reported letter to Mrs. Guidoboni has not been sent.

Mr. LaBrache reported annual report for Community Preservation Committee has been submitted to Selectmen's Office.

Mr. LaBrache reported the resignation of Mr. Calderaro from Committee has been accepted by the Board of Selectmen. They will request volunteers at their meeting of 1/22/08.

A new member, Victoria Benassi, representing the Housing Authority will join the Committee once she is sworn in.

Upon motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Underhill, following discussion and a 5-0-0 vote, it was

VOTED: to pay Community Newspaper Co. in the amount of \$38.23 for publication of a Public Hearing Notice.

Mr. LaBrache requested that all Committee members have all four projects already scored for meeting of 1/29/08.

Mr. LaBrache reported he will put together numbers needed for Town Meeting including administrative costs.

Bradford House Archaeological Study – presented by John Burrey and Ronnie Alexis. There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

7:13 Ken Moalli arrived

Overview:

- There was an archaeological dig on the property during the 1970's
- Artifacts found have been in storage at Plimoth Plantation since 1973 since there was no money to clean, organize or catalog them.
- This request is to evaluate items and perhaps learn more about the Bradford homestead. They would eventually like to bring items back to Kingston for public display.

Questions and Answers:

Mr. Underhill asked if there was an initial estimate from the first dig. Mr. Burrey explained there was not. Nothing was ever written up from the dig, the items were just stored.

Ms. duBois asked about the current agreement with Plimoth Plantation. Mr. Burrey explained the agreement is renewed every 3 years and is due this year. Although the items belong to Kingston, Plimoth Plantation supervises the items.

Ms. duBois asked how the estimate was established. Mr. Burrey explained the curator at Plimoth Plantation helped in determining the estimate. Ms. duBois questioned the number of hours needed to perform work. Mr. Burrey assured the Committee they would get 3 bids and would be interested in using academic resources including using interns/students, therefore reducing costs.

Ms. duBois asked about status of last years' project and current timetable. Mr. Burrey explained they are currently getting documents ready for bids. They are hoping to get bids sent out soon since they are constrained by time of year and would like to start work when weather breaks.

Ms. duBois explained her understanding the CPA requires the Committee to look at preservation restrictions. She asked if there is currently a preservation restriction and whether the national historic registry affects this. Mr. Burrey explained the national registry does not prevent them from doing anything with the property and the bylaws of the Historic Society address the dissolution of the Society and property.

Ms. Farrell asked the size of the membership of the Society. It is 340 members.

Mr. Burrey reported that the estimate is off by \$1000 and should be \$19,000 total.

Annual Town Report Preservation – presented by Mary Lou Murzyn

Overview:

- This project will preserve 23 volumes of town reports from 1860 to present.
- It will allow for microfilm, index, scan, pdf and cd-rom conversion and uploaded to town website for public access.
- Project covers disaster recovery as well. Copies of microfilm will be held by vendor and library history room.

Questions and Answers:

Mr. Underhill asked about reports prior to 1860. Ms. Murzyn explained that those records are handwritten in big books that have been preserved. 1860 was the first year of annual reports.

Mr. LaBrache asked how this project differs from the Library digitization project last year. Ms. Murzyn has spoken with Sia Stewart, Library Director and the History Room Curator and they have assured her this project does not duplicate their project.

Mr. Moalli asked about the estimate and would it be more economic to add in the preservation of the earlier volumes to this project and to address the storage conditions of the vault. Ms. Murzyn stated the earlier volumes are a separate project and her office isn't ready to move that fast. They will work toward these additional projects each year.

Mr. Moalli asked about guarantee with vendor concerning disaster. Ms. Murzyn explained there will be 2 copies of microfilm stored at separate locations.

The Committee discussed site walk at Marshall Joyce Sanctuary and decided members should walk the property on their own time before the meeting on 1/29/08.

Upon motion by Mr. Hamilton and seconded by Mr. Underhill, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

**NEXT MEETING: January 29, 2008, TOWN HOUSE, ROOM 203 at 7:00 pm**

**Public Hearing: February 12, 2008, TOWN HOUSE, ROOM 200 at 7:00 pm**

