

Rehoboth Community Preservation Committee Minutes, 22 February 2023

The meeting was called to order by Carol Williams at 7:05 p.m. in the Francis Farm Arcade building. Members present were Carol Williams, chair, Arthur Peirce, vice chair, David Evans, Steve Silva, Tish Vadnais, and Rebecca Smith.

Also present were Selectmen Skip Vadnais and Rob Johnson.

1. The minutes of 30 November 2022 were approved. (Motion by Tish Vadnais, 2nd by David Evans, unanimous). There were no meetings in December 2022 or January 2023.
2. Carol Williams reported that she had received the annual report of Rehoboth CPC finances and will try to get it e-mailed to the rest of the committee.
3. The land appraisal approved in November was not able to be obtained for \$1,000, but Coyle Associates is available to do the work for \$2,500 for each of the two parcels, one on Bliss Street and one on Fairview Avenue, for a total of \$5,000. Motion by Tish Vadnais to approve the new total of \$5,000 from Administrative funds for two parcels; 2nd by Arthur Peirce; approved unanimously.
4. Arthur Peirce moved to place articles on the warrant for the spring Town Meeting to purchase the properties in question using Open Space or Undesignated funds. Second by Tish Vadnais; approved unanimously.
5. Carol reminded Committee members to complete the online Conflict of Interest training.
6. Arthur Peirce reported that the Board of Selectmen would like to relocate three historic buildings on the Francis Farm campus -- the slaughterhouse, grain bin, and carriage barn -- in order to facilitate both handicap parking and access to walking rails. The buildings would remain on the part of the farm not covered by the Conservation Easement. Information about the cost of a move has not yet been received but should be available before Town Meeting. Funding would be from Historic Preservation or Undesignated funds. Arthur moved to place an article on the warrant; 2nd by Steve Silva; approved.
7. Arthur Peirce reported that a Purchase and Sales agreement for \$45,000, conditional on Town Meeting acceptance, has been signed for Shady Bend. He moved that we place an article on Town Meeting warrant for \$50,000 for the purchase and related costs, to be taken from the Historic Preservation reserve or Undesignated funds, or other available funds. Second by Rebecca Smith; approved unanimously.
8. Town walking trails were discussed. The Land Trust has noticed that the Ephraim Hunt property is getting a great deal of use and that the public should know about other options. Rob Johnson reported that the Town Forestry Department has worked at clearing

and improving the trails at the former Pemmerl property on Danforth Street and that these are now more accessible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (motion by Tish, 2nd by David, unanimous).

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca H. Smith, secretary

Approved 22 March 2023. Motion by Steve Silva, 2nd by Arthur Peirce and so voted

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