

# Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts

## Community Preservation Committee



**June 18, 2008**

Location: Academy Building

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### Community Preservation Committee

Dan Buron  
Recreation Commission

Peter Colombotos,  
Vice Chair/Secretary  
Master Plan Implementation  
Committee

Robert Iafrate  
Planning Board

Marilee Kenney Hunt, Chair  
Citizen at large

Jim Tebou  
Conservation Commission

David Moore  
Housing Partnership

Rick Kranes  
Open Space Committee

Bob Vazza, Treasurer  
Housing Authority

Robert Wood  
Historical Commission

### Members Present:

Dan Buron [ ], Peter Colombotos [ x ], Jim Tebou [ ],  
Rick Kranes [ ], Marilee Kenney Hunt [ x ], David Moore [ x ] Robert Iafrate [ ],  
Bob Vazza [ x ], Robert Wood [ x ]

**CPC Liaison:** Sharon Travers Gay [ ]

### Guests:

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

The draft minutes of May 15, 2008 minutes were reviewed.  
Motion by Bob Vazza, seconded by Bob Wood and accepted unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report :

There was a balance of \$1,874,117.76 as of June 6<sup>th</sup>. Interest for May was \$3,350. Bob thought that funds granted that will not be spent ought to go back into the general fund—funds granted to the Scotland Church, for example. Marilee has a letter from the Scotland Church indicating they will not be accepting the funds. The Committee ought to learn if there has been any progress on the softball fields. Marilee talked to the softball group and was told that there has been some movement. The Committee was unsure what contingencies were placed on the grant to the softball fields. The Committee wondered if this is the minutes.

David asked whether the Committee can rescind a grant award, which is a decision of town meeting. Marilee Hunt asserted that the conditions of a grant should be within the warrant article and that we have a right to rescind a grant if there has been no action.

### Housing Report:

Bob Vazza presented a report from the housing conference he attended. Peter suggested the Committee create an Affordable Housing Trust that could garner donations from 40B applicants. David will investigate what it would cost to establish such a trust. Marilee suggested that such a trust could give preference to town employees.

### Miscellany:

Marilee mentioned that Herb Lemon is the official liaison from the BOS. Paul Sullivan told Marilee that the BOS would sign Sharon Travers Gay's contract. The Committee received disk copies of the NCA report; Peter will get a copy to Bob Vazza. The BOS officially own the report and will form an implementation committee.

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### Murray Farm:

Marilee described Peter Murray's email in which he indicated that he thought we were no longer interested in preserving his farm. Marilee insisted that we were awaiting a copy of his appraisal. Paul Sullivan sent Marilee a template for an RFQ for an appraisal but is not sure whether or not it is adequate. Marilee filled it out. Paul said that there should be three target recipients. Bob Vazza asked whether we needed an RFQ if the amount is less than \$5,000. Paul says "yes."

### Other Open Space Issues

Ursula Garfield has expressed interest in having the town preserve six acres behind her house on Summer Street. David indicated that the only access is through State property. He thought we should ask the Open Space Committee to consider the offer.

### Mount Prospect Cemetery

Jim Steinmetz of the Massachusetts Historical Commission indicated to Judith Gabriel that the town ought to hold a restriction on the entire cemetery, not just the fence. They can pave roads and cut dead trees. The restriction is in progress.

### Open Space and GIS

The Committee does not know whether or not there has been progress on this issue.

### Murray Farm

Marilee asserted that we *can* legally pay over an appraised value for a justifiable reason. She will ask Peter Murray for a copy of the appraisal again.

### Final Application Process

David Moore asked if there was a way for an applicant to enter the information on-line. He will ask the town's IT person for help on this. David thinks the application is much too long. He noted that other towns' applications are only five pages or so. Marilee said that it is important to present all the information, like restrictions, up front to avoid complication later in the process. She thought that it was important to require a budget in order to assure that the town will see a material benefit. Peter made a motion to approve the Final Application with amendments about revocation and time frames as noted by Marilee. Bob Wood seconded. All but David were in favor.

### Consultant

Peter made a motion to pay Sharon Travers Gay in FY 2009 if the BOS hires her. Seconded by Bob Vazza, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.