COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MARCH 1, 2007 MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Bailey, chairman, Robert Young, Peg Arguimbau, Janet Sargent-Tracy, Cory Snow, Arnold Cohen, Michele Thoener, Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT: Arnold Kublin

VISITORS LIST: (sign in sheet circulated)

Linda Godfrey Bailey 115 North Main Street

Melissa Lothrop 121 Lakeview Street - Recreation Department

Sarah Horton 19 Boyden Lane

Richard Cushing A.P. @ Heights Elementary School

Lois Miller 112 Glendale Rd. Alice Cheyer 1 Glenview Rd.

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Bailey @ 7:05 pm.p.m. Mr. Bailey reviewed agenda with committee members

Agenda for March 1, 2007 Meeting

copy attached

PUMPING STATION #007

Eric Hooper, Director Sharon Department of Public Works <u>submitted submitted</u> a revised project submission for the renovation of Well Station # 1 - located near the railroad bridge. The building was originally constructed in 1896 (110 years old) and is currently being used as the Sharon Water Department's Main Office. *copy of proposed project on file*

The Project has been broken down into two parts: (2 year project)

Exterior - Masonry repaired

Garage door replaced
Brick <u>repainting</u>repointing
Acrylic water proofing
Window replacement

Total cost \$108,900.00

(hoping that the exterior will be funded through the Community Preservation Fund)

Interior - 2,800 sq ft renovated office space

Cost = \$125.00 / sq ft

Total cost \$350,000.00

(hoping that the interior will be funded 50% Water Department and 50% Community Preservation)

There are photos available of the building

Questions:

Can the CPC visit the building? Yes, needs to be scheduled.

Mr. Young suggested that Mr. Hooper return for the March Meeting.

HOUSING TRUST FUND #011

The Housing Trust Committee will be made up of seven members (appointed in late February). Three of seven members will be Board of Selectmen with Selectmen. with four at-large members

Mr. Young explained the idea behind the Housing Trust. Housing Trust was approved by Town meeting Last Year.

Housing Trust is a separate entity from both the Housing Authority and the Housing Partnership. Housing Authority is a state body that represents existing low income housing an monitors affordable housing for the Town of Sharon. Housing Partnership was designed as a committee that would works with Town Boards and Developers to help create Affordable Housing. Partnership has no budget.

The Housing Trust was created by state legislature so that the community would have the ability to apply for grants, get contributions from developers, use CP Funds and/or create special assessments.

Application submitted - will be reviewed at a later meeting. The commitment requested is for \$100,000.00.

The Housing Trust was designed to collect assets for the benefit of creating or preserving affordable housing units within our community.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT #013

Members of the Playground Committee for the Heights Elementary School, Richard Cushing and Sarah Horton made a PpowerPoint presentation to the Community Preservation Committee. They are interested in securing CP Funds for the purpose of upgrading the current playground and installing a quarter mile track located at the Heights Elementary School. (Although, the playground is located at the Public School it will be available to all residents on a regular basis as a Community Playground. The playground in existence today is more than 15 years old. The existing equipment will not be incorporated into the new design. It is outdated and the Playground Equipment Vendors aren't willing to take on the liability of retaining the existing equipment. They are forecasting a completion date for the project of Summer 08. The playground will constructed in a circular design making access to all equipment convenient. (picture of equipment on file w/ Heights Elementary School)

Cost:

1	\$60,000.00
	\$15,000.00
	\$10,000.00
	\$5,000.00
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Total Cost \$90,000.00 approximately \$40,000.00 CP Funds*

Mr. Cushing and Mrs. Horton explained to the committee that they are currently working on securing funds from other entities, not only the CP Fund. They are hoping to raise funds through school organized events, State Grants, Employee Grants and Corporate Donations, among a few.

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RECREATION COMMISSION #012

Melissa Lothrop and Marshall Bradstreet

Playground Equipment \$20,000.00

The Recreation Department is interested in the purchase and assembly of New Playground Equipment for the Sharon Community Center, Picnic Grove Area. The type of equipment they are interested in includes small independent structures, such as , a climbers, a slides, a rider, a spinner and an imagination panel. The Facility will be ADA accessible.

New Sailboat \$4,000,00

The recreation Department is interested in obtaining funding for the purpose of purchasing a new sailboat for the

sailing program. The boat they are proposing to purchase is the Optimist "Winner Mark 12". Currently their fleet is limited. They have been borrowing sailing equipment from the Yacht Club, Wheaton College and the High School to fulfill their needs.

AED \$2,400.00

The Recreation Department feels that based on the recommendations of the AHA and Red Cross, they should be in possession of a transportable AED machine for the purpose of saving lives. (DOR has made exceptions due to its live saving abilities)

New Docks \$17,500.00

The Recreation Department is interested in securing funds from the Community Preservation Fund for the purchase, construction and placement of new docks and equipment down at the Town Beach. They are interested in the placement of ADA accessible docks, a 15 foot aluminum flotation unit with rubber bumpers and a ramp. *copy of proposed projects on file*

UNITARIAN CHURCH #014

Linda Godfrey Bailey <u>madsmades</u> a presentation on behalf of the Unitarian Church. The Church was originally constructed in 1842. The Religious Education Wing was added in 1962. Currently the building isn't Handicap Accessible and there is no access available without the use of stairs.

The Unitarian Church is proposing to relocate the main entrance of the building, put an addition on, and install an elevator

Architectural drawings available at the Unitarian Church

The Church and members of, are in the process of under going, fund raising efforts to cover the cost associated with the project. Unfortunately, there are minimal opportunities for grants through the state for religious purposes. Some of their funding will have to obtained through loans.

The quote received for Limited Use/Limited Application Elevator (LU/LA Elevator) will be honored through 2008. **Estimate \$51,580.00**

copy of project submission including quote on file with the CPC

copy letter form Sidney Rosenthal, Ph. D. attached

DRAKE CEMETERY #010 (approved)

The Community Preservation Committee members made the decision to fund this project.

Mr. Young moves to approve the disbursement of \$500.00 worth of CP Funds to Russell McAvoy for the Drake Cemetery Project.

Seconded by Mr. Cohen

ALL in Favor 6-0-0

HISTORICAL COMMISSION #008 (emergency endorsement)

Mr Young explains that the Sharon Historic Commission has applied for a grant through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with a deadline date of March 2, 2007. It is required that if the funding is coming from the Community Preservation Fund they need to sign a statement that the funding is available. The grant applying for is a reimbursement grant.

Mr. Young is asking that the committee accept an amendment from the Historic Commission, of their application, to the CPC. He would like them to do an Inventory only with an estimated cost of \$25,000.00 (the original cost

\$35,000.00 including an Historic Plan)

Mr. Young makes a motion to allow the change of the Historical Commissions request. Reduce the request from \$35,000.00 to \$25,000.00 and change the application to do an Historic Inventory only.

Seconded by Mr. Cohen

All in Favor 6-0-0

Town bylaw- any structure over 100 years old is considered Historic.

Mr. Young reads letter highlighting guidelines.

copy of MA Historic Commission letter attached (Survey and Planning Grant)

Mr. Young makes a motion to approve the letter and funds (attached), he will forward to Massachusetts Historic Commission.

Seconded by Mr. Cohen

All in Favor 6-0-0

Committee members circulated and signed letter. Mr. Young will be delivering March 2, 2007, as this is the deadline date.

MEETING FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

March 22, 2007 - Second Vote on Historic Commission

- First Votes on Trust for Public Land and MBNA
- Presentation from School Committee High School Walkway Lights
 - High School Court Yard
- MBNA will have enough information to proceed.(Lois Miller)
 - Vote Pumping Station
 - School Department Presentation
 - Vote Unitarian Church
 - Recreation Commission
 - Community preservation Coalition Membership will be discussed

DATE FY07 PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing will be scheduled after the Town Meeting - May 24, 2007

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2007 will be reviewed and amended at the March 22, 2007 Meeting. (Completely)

A portion of the minutes motioned on March 1, 2007

"Mr. Snow expressed his opinion that the bond should be paid off in 5 years to save approximately \$125,000.00 in interest payments. He recognizes that a majority of the committee would probably not be in favor of this option Cash requirements were discussed at length.

"Mr. Snow prefers a down payment of \$200,000.00, saving \$12,500.00 and finance \$1,000,000.00 over a 10 year period."

"Mr. Kublin moved to put down a down payment of \$150,000.00, and finance \$1,050,000.00 over a 10 year period." Voted 6-1-0

Mr. Cohen moves to approve portion of minutes quoted above.

Seconded by Mr. Snow

All in Favor 6-0-0

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Snow reworked balance sheet to include the Horizons for Youth Down Payment

He continues by explaining the balance sheet to committee members. He is trying to determine what will be in the Community Preservation Fund once the CPC receives their state match. By doing this it will make it easier to determine which projects can potentially be funded at a later date.

copy of balance sheet March 1, 2007 attached

COALITION RESPONSE

copy of correspondence attached (emails)
Mr. Bailey forward emails regarding MBNA
copies attached

Mr. Snow moved to adjourn Seconded by Mr. Cohen All in Favor 6-0-0

Next Meeting scheduled for March 22, 2007 @ 7:00 pm.p.m.

April 12, 2007 @ 7:00 pm.p.m.

April 26, 2007 @ 7:00 pm.p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.p.m.

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Robert Young, Clerk	