

**Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of May 4, 2010**

Members present: Chairman John Hassan, Harvey Gagnon, Helen Dunlap, Ken Lania, Louise Tremblay and George Malonis arrived at 7:25p. Also present was Glen Edwards Assistant Town Manager and Samantha Carver recording secretary. The meeting was held at 1660 Lakeview Avenue, Historical/Harmony Hall Buildings Dracut, MA.

Absent: David Dumaresq, Ken Cunha, Brian Bond

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. The Committee reviewed the minutes of April 6, 2010.

Ms. Tremblay made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2010 as presented. Mr. Lania seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman reviewed the material in the packet pertaining to the Dracut Historical Resource Survey. Mr. David Paquin was present to provide further information to the Committee.

Mr. Paquin stated that the Historical Commission would like to do a comprehensive survey of the assets in Town including any architectural sites. They have consulted with N.M.C.O.G (Northern Middlesex Council on Government) who has suggested they obtain the funds first and then look for a consultant who can conduct the survey. NMCOG will assist in the preparation of the RFP for a consultant but the Town would administer the contract and make the payments to the consultant.

Mr. Paquin also noted that a preliminary list of Dracut's history had been done by Donat Paquette and they would like to update that to include architectural sites and the cemeteries in Town.

The Committee discussed the next step after approving the funds for this project which would be having a public hearing and then putting an article on the November Town Meeting.

Mr. Gagnon made a motion to accept the request of the Historical Commission and fund a Historical Resource Survey with CPA funds in the amount of \$50,000. Ms. Tremblay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee reviewed a request from Dracut Cemetery Department for C.P.A. funding to repair damage done at the Hildreth Street Cemetery. The Cemetery Commissioner is also applying for a grant through the Parker Foundation to try and get some funding towards the repairs as well. The Cemetery Commission has obtained one estimate of the damage so far being \$30,000. The Cemetery Commission will be meeting with a representative of Hudson Monuments to review the damage and get another estimate on what it will cost to repair the headstones and damage at the cemetery. It was also noted by Mr. Edwards that some restitution money may be obtained by the perpetrator through court proceedings.

Mr. Lania made a motion to table this request until further information is obtained on the damage repair costs to the cemetery and if needed have the Cemetery Commissioner attend a meeting. Ms. Dunlap seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session by Ken Lania at 7:25 p.m. to consider the purchase of real property and to reconvene in Open Session. Mr. Gagnon – yes, Mr. Malonis – yes, Ms. Dunlap – yes, Ms. Tremblay – yes, Mr. Lania – yes, and Mr. Hassan – yes.

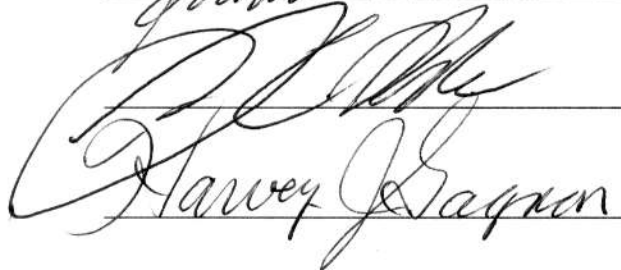
The Chairman announced that while in Executive Session no motions were made.

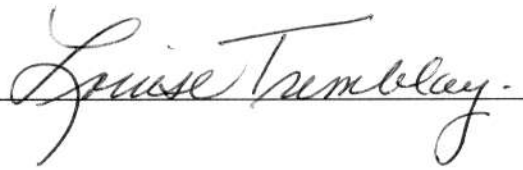
Mr. Lania made a motion requesting that the Town Manager send a letter to the Richardson's stating that if the Town's final offer is unacceptable to them that it is the Town's request that all the family members sign off on the release of the due diligence and it will become null and void. Ms. Tremblay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Tremblay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Lania seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE







_____ Absent: Ken Cunha _____

_____ Absent: Brian Bond _____

_____ Absent: David Dumaresh _____