

CPA Committee
Minutes of Meeting
Apr 30, 2007
4:30 PM – 6:00PM

Members Present: Ann Borton, Janet Chayes, John Lochhead, Martha Conant, Malcolm Corse.

Janet reported on the weekend CPA Coalition meeting in Amherst. She attended a workshop on Conservation Restrictions which described how to make out deed restrictions. There is some consideration being given to changing the law so as to allow CPA funds to be used to pay for long term CR monitoring.

The state match will likely be reduced to 80%.

The committee voted to join the CP coalition (all in favor) and to pay the \$250 membership fee out of administrative costs.

Bruce Brown came in to comment on recent expenditures. He is concerned that we appear to be supporting projects that could be funded in other ways. He encouraged us to find a project that would show the town how CPA funds could be used to do something important and that would otherwise be impossible.

Peter Engelman asked if funds remaining in the School House budget could be used to build a handicap access to the school. Various members of the CPA committee indicated that this could only be done if all expenses were consistent with the originally authorized expenditures. We concluded that the budget included a miscellaneous category sufficient to cover those expenses. But we also insisted that any remaining funds needed to be returned to the CPA.

Peter indicated that there would be an opening of the school building on May 12.

Ann asked about starting the process for next year's proposals. She asked us all to review last year's forms to see what changes might be needed. Martha will write a piece for the Visitor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.