

CPA Committee
Minutes of Meeting
February 4, 2008
4:30 PM – 6:15PM

Members Present: Ann Borton, Janet Chayes, John Lochhead, Walter Goodridge, Martha Conant.

Also present Carl Darrow, Michael Tillyer,

We reviewed the following 5 proposals:

Parking area at Pumpkin Hollow by Michael Tillyer for Congregational Church.

Art in Nature by Jennifer Jensen and Dave Balkema for The Highlands of Conway

CCHD Roadside Historic Marker Signs by Carl Darrow for Conway Historical Commission

Parking and Playing Fields by John Lochhead for Select Board

Riverside Trail by John Lochhead for Select Board.

Since the first two proposals were from private organizations we reviewed the regulations concerning CPA funding of private projects. We concluded that we did not fully understand what these limitations were and that we would need to seek further guidance if we decided to fund a private project. But we did feel that a strong case would have to be made for the public benefit and that if there were also a private benefit some cost sharing would be desirable.

We decided that the Church proposal for a parking lot was too tangential to the recreation category. We also decided to discourage funding of expensive recreation projects since those funds would come out of the open space account. Michael Tillyer was encouraged to seek help from the Select Board and John Lochhead offered to initiate that inquiry.

We decided that the Highlands proposal did not make a clear case for the public benefit. We also felt it was more than we wanted to spend on recreation.

We reviewed the Signs proposal from the Historical Commission and decided to bring that proposal to the February 13 hearing. We suggested that they consider signs that contained more specific information about a particular site such as the library and that a range of different sign companies and technologies be explored.

The two proposals from the Select Board were viewed as too expensive relative to our desire to only fund small recreation projects. It was suggested that they might be done by

the town highway crew together with some volunteer labor. This would greatly reduce the required budget.