

Minutes  
Culture, History and Governance (CHuG)  
Sub-Committee  
August 22, 2007

Present: Nancy Henderson, Mark Hochman, Karen Keane, Jack MacLean, Bill Stason, Peter Sugar

We discussed the following:

- The Lincoln Journal article: we made every effort to broaden the content of the article, and not concentrate overly on the size of the Select Board. In the end however, we had no control over what the editor wrote. (We also sent a corrective letter as a follow up.)
- We reviewed the consultant selection process which was recently conducted. Mark Henchman, Bill Stason and PS attended and we actually formed the majority of those conducting the interviews and in the end making the recommendation. Two groups submitted proposals: Community Opportunities Group (COG) and Community Preservation Associates (CPA). (Note that Judy Barrett of COG was deeply involved in the first phase of the master plan process with CLRPC)
- Both groups met the budgetary guidelines contained in the Town Meeting approval. COG was unquestionably superior based on both their RFP responses and the way they conducted themselves during the interview. The recommendation by the Steering Committee, also approved by the Planning Board was to negotiate the final contract with COG.
- It is hoped that work can start soon, with final approval of COG coming during the Planning Board meeting of 5 September. One point to note is that it is likely that the MP process will extend slightly and will not be complete until early in 2009 rather than towards the end of 2008
- We then discussed our interviews with the various 'assets'. One – with the Lincoln Journal has been completed. Two others are scheduled: with Historic New England on 8/24, and FoMA on 8/27. The DeCordova interview will take place after Labor Day – due to many summer time absences.
- We felt that we may well be able to complete most of our 'Cultural and Historic Resources' work this fall, leaving 'Governance' for next spring.

Next meeting: September 19 at 7:30 AM