

Community Preservation Committee Minutes

Date: February 10, 2021

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Didi Chadran, Fran Nickerson, Beth Williams, Jo Ward, Michelle Catalina, Doug Thornton, Staci Donohue. John Lee, Pam Marston

Absent:

Guests: Bob O'Shea – Park & Rec, Dan Daly, Peter Dorward, Hannah Taylor – Harvard Press, Bruce Leicher, Ellen Leicher, Michael Killian, Steve Wirch, Abbe Alpert, Sharon Cronin

Meeting was convened at 7:31 pm.

1. Roll Call, Sound Check were done. Preamble, Rules for Participation, and Reminder that meeting materials are available online and that this meeting is being recorded were read by Didi Chadran.
2. Public Comment Period:
 - a. Bob O'Shea – Park & Rec: Bob stated that he's learned a lot since the last CPC meeting. He's met w/Bare Hill Watershed Committee and walked the Bare Hill Ponds site. General consensus – better properties, none yet offered. Trade would have to go through MA Legislation. Can put restrictive easements. None offered. Park & Rec is trying to figure out what to do with this parcel (Bare Hills Pond), with consultant's help. Need has been around for over a decade. Looking into alternative fields.
 - b. Michael Killian – Opposed to Bare Hill Pond land as a field. This is a watershed area. A field would involve the clearing and leveling of the land. Should be left untouched. CPC funds shouldn't be squandered in evaluating this proposed field.
 - c. Bruce Leicher – Don't see the value of funding a study vs. sustainability study (currently going on).
 - d. Jo Ward – ConCom agrees with Bruce and Ellen Leicher. Both sites would have issues with erosion. Money could be better spent on other recreational projects.
 - e. Dan Daly – Lot of mis information being spread concerning these 2 feasibility studies. Supports feasibility study.
 - f. Ellen Leicher – Climate Action working group looking on impact. She feels that all town committees need to work together. She's against supporting these two field analysis studies.

3. Review Minutes from January 20, 2021 Meeting: Minutes approved, as written.
4. Treasurer's Report: No change.
5. Application Evaluation Discussion

Discussion was held regarding increasing the Community Harvard amount to \$200,000, but this increase was declined.

Vote was held regarding application funding. Results are as follows.

Requesting Organization	Application/ Funding Title	Mass CPA Category	Requested Amount	Status
Athletic Field Planning Subcommittee	Bare Hill Ponds Woods Feasibility Study	Open Space & Recreation	\$20,000.00	Declined to Fund No-8 (Ward, Lee, Donohoe, Nickerson, Marston, Williams, Catalina, Chadran) Yes-1 (Doug Thornton)
Athletic Field Planning Subcommittee	Harvard Park Feasibility Study	Open Space & Recreation	\$30,000.00	Declined to Fund No-6 (Ward, Lee, Donahoe, Nickerson, Marston, Chadran) Yes-3 (Thornton, Williams, Catalina)
Conservation Commission	Community Harvest Project APR	Open Space & Recreation	\$150,000.00	Approved Yes- 8 (Marston, Nickerson, Donahoe, Catalina, Chadran, Lee, Ward, Williams) No - 1 (Thornton)
Park & Recreation Commission	Kiosk Upgrade	Open Space & Recreation	\$5,000.00	Unanimously Approved
Town Hall	Preservation of Historic Documents	Historic Preservation	\$25,000.00	Unanimously Approved
Town Hall	Town Hall Debt	Historic Preservation	\$48,000.00	Approved
MAHT	Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	\$33,800.00	Unanimously Approved
CPC	CPC Expenses		\$2,500.00	Unanimously Approved

6. Other Business:

- a. MAHT – Due to Fran, Didi & Michelle also being members of MAHT, discussion was held due to there being a quorum whether Fran should be voting on CPC issues. This will be handled at the next MAHT meeting.
- b. Mass Preservation – Shaker Herb Shed - \$50K. March 19, 2021 deadline.

7. Action Items:

- a. Michelle will contact Coalition (Stuart Saginor) regarding Field Surveys
- b. Staci will check with the Resiliency Committee to find out when report is due.
- c. Didi will check with Stu Sklar to find out when our warrant articles are due.
- d. Didi will draft warrant articles to send to Bragan.

8. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.

Fiscal Warrant articles due February 12, 2021.

Next Meeting – March 24, 2021

Town Meeting – May 15, 2021