

Town of Hanson  
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting (Held Jointly with the Hanson Historical Commission)  
Bonney House, 252 High Street  
Minutes for May 8, 2019

**Next scheduled meeting will be on Wed., June 12, 2019 at 7 PM**

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Tom Hickey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was as follows:

Members Present:           Tom Hickey, Chairman and Member-At-Large  
                                  John Kemmett, Planning Board  
                                  Allan Clemons, Historical Commission  
                                  Patty Norton, Vice-Chairman and Member-At-Large  
                                  Karen Howes-Duclos, Member-At-Large  
                                  Teresa Santalucia, Housing Authority  
                                  Diane Cohen, Member-At-Large  
                                  Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission

Chairman’s Report

There was no Chairman’s Report to discuss.

Old Business

JOINT DISCUSSION OF THE FUTURE OF THE BONNEY HOUSE/WESSLING ARCHITECTS PROPOSAL

After members viewed the interior of the Bonney House, there was informal discussion pertaining to the current state of the house, its future uses and the February 11, 2019 Wessling Architects renovation proposal.

Tom commented that the Wessling Architects study paid for by the CPC’s administrative funds includes one public meeting attendance by one of their staff.

Tom noted from email communication with Scott Winkler that the proposed estimated costs from the Wessling proposal do not take in to account labor and/or material that may be donated and could bring down the cost. It was also noted that the proposal excludes those costs that may be incurred toward the storage of historic artifacts.

CPC: DISCUSSION ON ANY TOPICS FROM THE APRIL PUBLIC FORUM

There was no discussion of the April public forum topics.

HHC: REVIEW OF NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATIONS

[Not a CPC topic.]

UPDATE ON TOWN MEETING APPROVED CPC PROJECTS

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Phil stated that the highway department has agreed to clear out an area on which to create a path to the **Town Forest**. He also updated that the **Plymouth County Hospital ("PCH") Re-Use Committee** has changed contractors for the PCH park engineering plan and the committee will be meeting with them at their next meeting in an effort to accelerate the process.

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED OLD BUSINESS

There was no historical commission/CPC-related old business discussed.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

There was no other old business discussed.

New Business

POSSIBLE USES OF CPC ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS FOR FIELD ANALYSIS

Tom stated that the town accountant reported that the CPC has a \$7,000 fiscal 2019 administrative fund balance. As a point of reference, Tom said that the school where he is employed paid an engineering firm about \$8,000 to do a study of their ball field, which resulted in a condition's report and two schematic options. Tom suggested that an engineering firm could likely do a comparable analysis of the Hanson Middle School field, for similar monies, paid for by the CPC's fiscal 2019 administrative funds. John commented that executable plans for the redesign of the field already exist from about ten years ago. Tom stated that the defined scope of such a study would take in to consideration relevant work that has already taken place concerning the field.

In response to Patty, Tom said that the fields meeting being coordinated by Selectman Dyer with the sports individuals in town has not yet taken place.

John suggested that Ernie [Sandland, Whitman-Hanson Facilities Manager], be invited to the next CPC meeting in order to clarify the middle school field uses. Tom said that he will reach out to him.

There was discussion on whether this study should be broader to encompass other fields and available spaces in town and members offered comments on the timing of a study and the contributing parties.

[Teresa left the meeting.]

John commented that the CPC has typically allocated \$10,000 per year for its administrative funds but said that the committee is permitted to designate up to 5% of its budget. He suggested that the CPC take steps to make that allocation change at the next town meeting. John also pointed out that administrative funds can be spent without town meeting approval in the fiscal year in which they were earmarked.

John made a motion that the CPC use any available 2019 administrative funds for the purpose of a study of the Hanson Middle School field. The motion was seconded by Patty and approved 7-0-0.

John noted that the engineering firm doing this study should be made aware of the soccer board standards to which the field was deemed not to meet.

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED NEW BUSINESS

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There was no new historical commission/CPC-related new business.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

Adjournment

Patty made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Diane, and approved 7-0-0.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk  
Community Preservation Committee