

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall
Minutes for September 11, 2019

Next scheduled meeting will be on Wed., October 9, 2019 at 7 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Members Present: Tom Hickey, Chairman and Member-At-Large
Allan Clemons, Historical Commission
Patty Norton, Member-At-Large
Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission (late arrival)
Diane Cohen, Member-At-Large
Teresa Santalucia, Housing Authority

Members Absent: Eric Olson, Parks & Fields
John Kemmett, Vice-Chairman and Planning Board
Karen Howes-Duclos, Member-At-Large

Minutes

Patty made a motion, seconded by Diane, to approve the minutes from the August 14 meeting. The motion was approved 5-0-0 (Phil had not arrived yet.)

Chairman’s Report

[Phil Clemons arrived.]

Tom noted the CPC project report as of August 31 that members would have received via email.

Tom confirmed with members that the usual meeting schedule for the remainder of the year would be suitable. He said that as there are no current applications in need of review by the committee, he might consider canceling a meeting if there were no time sensitive issues to discuss.

Old Business

OCEAN SPRAY PARK APPLICATION (VOTE)

This topic was passed over as Mr. Soper was not available to attend tonight’s meeting, but is expected to attend in October. Tom said he will forward to Mr. Soper the August 13 memo from the Hanson Planning Board in which they expressed their concerns and requested more information regarding the proposed Ocean Spray park. Tom said he will encourage Mr. Soper’s communication with the planning board.

DISCUSSION ABOUT SPORTS FIELDS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Tom said that he does not have an update to the middle school sports field topic except to say that MacKenzie Engineering continues to work on the two schematics, paid for from CPC administrative funds, to 1) return the fields to their original design and 2) prepare an alternate design.

In response to Diane, Tom said that the most information currently available concerning the maintenance of the fields is what was said by Ernie Sandland when he appeared before the CPC and that the regional school district is only responsible for grass cutting. Tom said that the committee would ask that it be addressed prior to responding to any field-related future applications for funds.

UPDATES ON TOWN MEETING APPROVED CPC PROJECTS

Thomas Mill – Allan commented that the water wheel is under construction and could perhaps be installed as early as this fall. Phil suggested that they be in touch with the conservation office relating to the installation process.

Tom said that while the mill deed restriction is still outstanding, there has been refreshed communication recently with Wildlands Trust and he is optimistic that it is moving forward. He said the CPC holds \$9,000 for that project.

Botieri Field/Town Forest – Phil stated that there has been much activity in that the property has been graded, the parking lot squared off, and stumps, etc. have been removed. He said the signs and installation equipment have been given to the Eagle Scout candidate, which should be completed this month.

Poor Meadow Brook Improvement Project – Phil said that the contractor had said they will begin work after Labor Day and they are reaching out to him to firm up the date.

Bonney House Rehabilitation – Allan said that he spoke to Merry about the procedure relating to using the \$10,000 of remaining funds for various minor Bonney House projects.

PCH Park Engineering Plan – Phil said that the PCH committee is in receipt of version 1 of a site plan from Land Planning for the park. He said that the plan contains current topography markings post-hospital removal. Phil said that he hopes within a month or two there will be a drawing that can be shared with the CPC.

In response to Teresa, Phil said that the historical village that has been proposed for the site is being taken into account with the planning.

Camp Kiwanee North End Cabins – Diane said that she is pursuing a copy of the original North End Cabin CPC application in order to know specifically what work was approved. She said that the information will assist in determining what future work can be done with remaining funds. Tom said that the project was approved in fiscal 2016 and that it was later scaled back as to allow funds for the docks.

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED OLD BUSINESS

There was no Hanson Historical Commission/CPC-Related old business to discuss.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Phil remarked on the CPC-approved Sleeper Preserve project, which will be subject to approval at October Town Meeting. He said that recent feedback he has received relating to the pending grant has

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been all positive in terms of the property's environmental and recreation value. In response to Teresa, Phil confirmed that the property abuts the Pembroke line and said that property acquisitions on both sides of the line were for the purpose of protecting the aquifer. Phil acknowledged that communication with Pembroke about the pending purchase would be appropriate and likely beneficial.

New Business

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED NEW BUSINESS

There was no Hanson Historical Commission/CPC-Related new business to discuss.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business to discuss.

Adjournment

Patty made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Phil, and approved 6-0-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee