

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting
Minutes for March 9, 2016

Next meeting will be 7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 13, 2016 (Open Forum)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call of attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett, Chairman and Member-At-Large
 Tom Hickey, Member-At-Large
 Robert Overholtzer, Member-At-Large
 John Kemmett, Conservation
 Allan Clemons, Historical Commission
 Robert Sears, Housing Authority
 Patty Norton, Vice-Chairman and Member-At-Large
 Stephen Regan, Planning Board

Members Absent: Kenny Mitchell, Parks & Fields

Minutes – John made a motion, seconded by Tom, to approve the February minutes. Patty Norton and Stephen Regan abstained. Members voted approval 6-0-2.

Chairman’s Report – Laura said that CPC is current on outstanding bills. Patty asked about the annual dues and Laura said that they have been paid.

Old Business:

Thomas Mill – There was no news to report on the Thomas Mill. It will remain on the agenda until the conservation restriction has been completed.

Bonney House – Allan said that he has been told that the Vo-Tech students will return to the Bonney House in about May. Laura suggested that once their work has been completed, the CPC pay a visit for a visual update.

Botieri Fields and Town Forest – Laura said that there were no updates on the Botieri Fields/Town Forest project. Members questioned Phil Clemons’ references to Town Forest signage at the last meeting. Laura clarified that a sign at the fields that would direct visitors to the Town Forest has yet to be erected, but was built in to the cost of the project. When it has been installed, CPC will pay for it. It had been suggested that going forward, signage be itemized into a project’s proposal.

WHRHS Recreation Area – John observed that paving leading up to the WHRHS Recreation Area has been completed. He believes that further work will be delayed until the weather improves.

Camp Kiwanee North Cabins – Laura reiterated Jim Flanagan’s difficulties finding a contractor to finish up the Camp Kiwanee cabins. John inquired as to the amount of project funds that have been spent so far and Laura said about half.

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Plymouth County Hospital (“PCH”) – Laura did not have new information to report concerning Plymouth County Hospital except to say that PCH Reuse Committee member Marianne DiMascio has invited her to attend the next meeting. Laura said she has asked Stuart Saginor how long CPC is permitted to bond against future revenues and he said thirty years. Some discussion took place relative to the Reuse Committee’s expected objective, the likelihood that CPA funds will contribute to the demolition of PCH and the great need in Hanson for affordable housing.

Monponsett Playground – Don Ellis has not been in touch with CPC since the last meeting. He had said he will contact the committee when he is on the Selectmen’s agenda.

CPC on Town Website – Laura stated that she is pleased with how the CPC section of the new Town website has turned out. Shirley is keeping it updated with agendas and approved minute. She described a couple of loose ends that remain, i.e., photos depicting the completed Botieri Fields and progress of the north cabins at Camp Kiwance.

Smitty’s Bog – There was no new information to report concerning Smitty’s Bog, and as agreed at the last meeting, Shirley will be in touch with Phil in the late spring to see how they are progressing with their own projects related to the area.

John asked if CPC might be able to pay for signage at Smitty’s Bog. Laura said that she was not entirely sure, but suggested that it could be tied in to a future Smitty’s Bog CPA project.

Tom asked if perhaps the Pembroke CPC could join efforts with Hanson concerning Smitty’s Bog. Laura asked Shirley to contact Phil Clemons about it.

New Business

CPC Open Forum 2016 – Laura reminded all about the Open Forum to be held on April 13 at the Town Hall. She asked Shirley to contact Merry about posting it on the outdoor sign a week or so before the event. Laura said she will contact local papers with a press release. Laura asked Allan to speak on behalf of the Bonney House at the forum, and asked Shirley to contact Rob O’Brien, Jim Flanagan, Bob Rodgers and Phil Clemons to see if they would be available to briefly speak concerning their respective projects.

Historical Commission House Inventory – Laura clarified that the historic commission inventory previously discussed relates to an inventory of the historic buildings in Hanson. The commission hired a consultant a few years ago, completing about half of the inventories. Shirley had spoken to Michelle Millis about this and Allan said he would follow-up with her to see if the commission can move forward on a CPC proposal so that the remainder of the inventories can be completed. All agreed that a proposal submitted in time for a vote at the May Town Meeting is unlikely.

Community Preservation Plan (“CPP”) Consultant – Laura confirmed that she is posting a Town Meeting warrant of \$15,000 to hire a community preservation consultant. Laura stated that the original expectation was that the selection committee would narrow down the search for a consultant to three or four candidates. As chairman of the selection committee, Tom reported that

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the committee reviewed the draft RFP and would adhere to its language, asking only that it be revised to require that those responding return four copies instead of twelve. Shirley will make the revision and send the RFPs to the candidates after Tom has completed reviewing the list of candidates. Shirley will also post a downloadable RFP to the website.

Other New Business – Tom inquired if anyone is aware of any planning that has taken place concerning Hanson 2020. Laura said that she doesn't believe a formal committee has been created yet.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Hanson CPC Open Forum on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 PM, at the Town Hall.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee