

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting
Minutes for May 18, 2016

Next meeting will be 7:00 PM, Wednesday, June 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Roll call was as follows:

Members Present: Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett, Chairman and 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

Members Absent: Stephen Regan, Planning Board
Tom Hickey, Member-At-Large
Kenny Mitchell, Parks & Fields

Minutes

John made a motion to accept the minutes of the March and April meetings. The motion was seconded by Patty and approved 6-0-0.

Chairman’s Report

Laura shared the details of an email she received from Bob Rodgers concerning the WHRHS recreation area. Bob said that due to a donation, they were able to get the equipment portion of the project for about \$17,000. He submitted a request for a purchase order so that the equipment can be delivered. As to allow the process to move as quickly as possible, Patty made a motion that Laura be allowed to sign off on the purchase of the equipment from Greenfields Outdoor Fitness Equipment for an amount up to \$17,000. Bob Sears seconded the motion, which was approved 6-0-0.

Laura said that there are no other outstanding bills.

Laura said that both CPC articles were approved at Town Meeting.

Laura said that she attended an Open Space Committee meeting last week for the purposes that 1) the committee is about to prepare their Open Space Recreation Plan, and 2) CPC wants to work with them concerning Smitty’s Bog. Patty asked Laura if she mentioned to them about partnering with Pembroke concerning the bog, and she said yes.

Laura reviewed an email that she received asking if the CPC would be interested in purchasing property at 775 Whitman Street, consisting of seven acres. Laura said that she referred them to the Open Space Committee and the Conservation Commission.

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Laura said that she received an inquiry from an attorney in Rhode Island asking if the CPC had ever funded a church restoration. She replied to them saying that it had not funded any projects of that type since CPA was adopted by Hanson.

Old Business

Bonney House – Allan said that the North Bennett Street School will return in June to work on the Bonney House interior, and he was told that South Shore Voc Tech students will be back in September to continue with the exterior.

Thomas Mill – It was heard from Phil Clemons that the Wildlands Trust deed restriction for the Thomas Mill is now in place.

Botieri Fields/Town Forest Project – There was no update on the Botieri Fields project except that recently Laura attended their baseball opening day and threw out the first pitch. Shirley will contact the WH Express to see if they will give us a copy of the picture that appeared in the paper and ask their permission to post it on the CPC web site.

Whitman-Hanson Regional High School Recreation Area – Laura went over an update of the WHRHS Recreation Area in her chairman's report.

Camp Kiwanee – Bob Sears started a discussion of Camp Kiwanee's role as both a community recreation area for the town as well as a revenue stream. John speculated whether the CPC consultant who will be hired could be asked to create a vision for Camp Kiwanee. Laura suggested that it might be more appropriate for the consultant to work with Camp Kiwanee staff to assist them in developing their own master plan. The conversation diverted to the anticipated hiring process of the consultant, and it was suggested that Shirley email members to ask them to submit questions that they would like posed to candidates, if any.

Plymouth County Hospital – There was no update on the Plymouth County Hospital Reuse Committee. Laura said that their minutes are not online, however, they are not required to post them. She said that the Town Clerk would have their minutes on file.

Monponsett Playground – Laura said that Don Ellis' donation of his Monponsett property to the Town was approved at Town Meeting. Laura said that Don is trying to generate neighborhood support for a playground and that the Committee will wait to hear from him.

Smitty's Bog – An update of Smitty's Bog was made during the Chairman's Report.

CPC Plan Consultant – In the absence of the Sub-Committee Chairman, Tom Hickey, Shirley provided an update. She said that the RFP was re-posted a second time, with a deadline of May 26. Laura pointed out that the RFP was re-posted on the advice of Town Counsel due to the fact that an inquiry received after the expiration of the first RFP stated that they were unable to determine the deadline. Merry Marini is handling all the details of the re-post and response tracking.

Laura asked Shirley to reach out to Merry to find out when the received proposals will be available for the sub-committee to review.

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Historical Commission House Inventories – There was no real update on this topic except to say that Michelle Millis has resigned from the commission. The discussion turned to the large document scanner and what needs to happen in order for it to be utilized. It is currently at the library and needs a camera before it can be used. John is familiar with how to use it and Patty expressed interest in learning since the historical society is anxious to scan a number of items. The two of them agreed to schedule a time to get together.

Ethics Testing – Shirley said that the last she had heard was that several Committee members still need to take the online ethics test.

New Business

Whitman Street Property - [This topic was covered during the Chairman's Report.]

Other New Business - Patty had asked that the Committee obtain a copy of the updated 'CPA Housing Guidelines from MHP' book. Three books arrived and Patty suggested that the two extra copies that were received be given to Bob Sears for the Housing Authority.

This is the last meeting for Bob Sears, who is stepping down. Teresa Santalucia will be representing the Housing Authority effective June.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the CPC will be held on Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00 PM, at the Town Hall.

Adjournment:

Bob Sears made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Patty, and approved 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee