

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting
Minutes for August 9, 2017

Next scheduled meeting will be on Wed., September 13, 2017 at 7 PM

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. Roll call was as follows:

Members Present: Tom Hickey, Chairman and Member-At-Large
John Kemmett, Planning Board
Allan Clemons, Historical Commission
Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission
Teresa Santalucia, Housing Authority

Absent: Patty Norton, Vice-Chairman and Member-At-Large
Rob O’Brien, Parks & Fields
Diane Cohen, Member-At-Large

Guests: Marianne DiMascio, Plymouth County Hospital Re-Use Committee

Reference Materials: Bonney Hill Park pre-application

Approval of Minutes

Teresa made a motion to accept the July 12 meeting minutes, seconded by Allan. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0-0.

Chairman’s Report

FINANCES/BUDGET

There were no finance/budget matters to discuss.

OUTSTANDING BILLS

Wildlands Trust - Tom asked Phil for an update on the Wildlands Trust expenses for Thomas Mill. Phil said that his response from Wildlands Trust did not address any monies owed to them by the CPC, however, they did say that they need a revised plan of the property that would better delineate where the structures are because they would be excluded from the conservation restriction. Tom reiterated from the previous meeting that there is \$9,546.25 remaining after the purchase of the Thomas Mill years ago and the hope was that the committee could close it out if no additional money was due to Wildlands Trust. Phil said he will clarify his question to them again.

John said that a conservation restriction is required on the entire property, and if Wildlands Trust cannot fulfill the CPC’s requirement regarding both the buildings and the land, the

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committee should consult with the town administrator on how to proceed. Tom said he will talk to Mike McCue.

Botieri Sign and Tree Removal – Phil said the three signs are complete and await the posts and hardware for mounting. He had the largest sign on display for members to see. Phil expects the tree removal to occur at anytime after the baseball games are finished for the season, and then the signs will be installed.

Bonney House Exterior Expenses – Allan confirmed that the old invoice related to the Bonney House project, which he referred to at the last meeting, has now been paid.

Old Business

UPDATES ON TOWN MEETING APPROVED PROJECTS

Bonney House -Tom confirmed with Allan that the Bonney House exterior work is scheduled to resume when the students return to school.

Botieri Fields/Town Forest Project - Phil reiterated that the signs will go up after the tree work is complete.

Camp Kiwanee North End Cabins – Tom said that he has no new information to report on the cabin work.

Schoolhouse #4 Painting Project – Allan reported that he has talked to Mike McCue about the three bids he received for the painting and they decided to go with the lowest bidder. Allan said that the painter expects to begin on August 28, weather permitting.

Housing Production Plan Project – Teresa said that an RFP for the housing production plan has been drafted and she will report back after the housing authority meets in September.

Poor Meadow Brook Improvement Project – Phil said that Goatscaping Company has been hired to return for year two of poison ivy control at the Poor Meadow Brook property. He said that the goats will work over the Labor Day weekend. Phil said that after that is complete, a company is scheduled to remove hazardous and undesirable trees. They should be finished by the end of September and then volunteers will be collecting litter. Phil said that next the commission plans to work with the town's ADA officer to help layout and plan ADA compliance of the viewing area.

Phil expects to have an invoice to submit by the end of September.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL/UPCOMING CPC PROJECTS

Bonney Hill Park - Phil distributed to members an updated Bonney Hill Park draft pre-application, with tasks restated per feedback from CPC members at the last meeting. He said as yet the Board of Selectmen has not officially acted on the project. Phil said that the town

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administrator has, however, signed an agreement with the Conway School, funded by conservation, to draft a park design over the coming months.

Phil expressed hope that the Board of Selectmen's discussion/endorsement of the project and CPC approval of a full CPC application could be accomplished in time for a warrant at October town meeting. Marianne affirmed the desire to move this along given the current momentum surrounding the property, with Phil adding that the public is eager to see what will happen next. After some discussion in support of accommodating a swift yet thoughtful timeline, Tom said that the CPC would need a completed full application by September 6 so that members would have time to review it and have their questions answered in time for a vote at the September 13 meeting.

John made a motion that the CPC approve the pre-application for a Bonney Hill Park, pending its approval by the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded by Allan and approved unanimously, 5-0-0.

Other potential CPC projects – Allan questioned the feasibility of presenting a pre-application from the Historical Commission for 200th anniversary boulders in time for town meeting consideration, with Tom commenting that it would be better to wait for the spring.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY HOSPITAL UPDATE

The committee did not have additional updates to provide relating to Plymouth County Hospital.

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED OLD BUSINESS

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

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

There was no other old business to discuss.

New Business

CLOSING OUT COMPLETED CPC PROJECTS (VOTE)

Community Preservation Plan Consulting Services – Tom explained that \$3,150 was unspent from the Community Preservation Plan Consulting project. John made a motion that the \$3,150 of unused funds be closed out and returned to the original funding source, and that the committee recommend an article be placed on the warrant for October 2017 town meeting for the same. The motion was seconded by Phil and approved unanimously, 5-0-0.

Thomas Mill Purchase – There will be no action at this time to close out the unused funds from the Thomas Mill purchase per the discussion relating to Wildlands Trust earlier in the meeting.

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED NEW BUSINESS

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

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Video Recording of Meetings - Tom mentioned the new requirement about video recording the meetings of those town committees with appointed members. Tom said he will continue to gather information on the requirements and will keep the committee informed.

Past member appreciation letters – John made a motion that a letter be sent to members who leave the board to thank them for their time and service on the CPC. The motion was seconded by Phil and approved unanimously, 5-0-0.

Adjournment:

Phil made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Allan, and approved unanimously 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee