

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting
Selectmen’s Meeting Room
Minutes for March 14, 2018

Next scheduled meeting will be on Wed., April 11, 2018 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
 John Kemmett, Planning Board
 Allan Clemons, Historical Commission
 Diane Cohen, Member-At-Large
 Patty Norton, Vice-Chairman and Member-At-Large
 Teresa Santalucia, Housing Authority
 Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission

Absent: Rob O’Brien, Parks & Fields

Approval of Minutes

Patty made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting, which was seconded by Allan. The motion was approved 6-0-1, abstained by Phil.

Chairman’s Report

FINANCES/BUDGET

Tom had no information to report concerning the finances and budget.

POTENTIAL CLOSING OF COMPLETED CPC PROJECTS

Tom had no information to report concerning the closing of any CPC projects.

OTHER

Tom said that the CPC Open Forum is typically held in the Spring. Patty questioned the need for the forum given the fact that the meeting is now video recorded. Tom stated that at its April meeting, the committee will discuss the forum, i.e., requirements for, format changes, etc.

Old Business

UPDATES ON TOWN MEETING APPROVED PROJECTS

Botieri Field/Town Forest Project – Tom reported that there has been no action on the Botieri Field tree clearing and subsequent sign installation. Phil commented that they will be pursuing this as they had hoped to have the signs erected prior to baseball season.

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Schoolhouse #4 Painting Project – Tom stated that there will be no advancement of the schoolhouse painting project until later in the spring.

Housing Production Plan Project – Teresa said that a request to bid has gone out concerning the housing production plan and they have received three responses. She added that they will be scoring the proposals next week.

Poor Meadow Brook Improvement Project – Phil stated that he has no news to report concerning the Poor Meadow Brook Improvement Project at this time.

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED OLD BUSINESS

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

REVISED CPC APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES (VOTE)

Teresa made a motion to approve the revised CPC guidelines and application (Parts A & B). The motion was seconded by Phil. Shirley stated that the request for a new town CPC email address has been approved, she is awaiting notification of the email address and will add it to the document upon receipt. The motion was approved 7-0-0.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Hanson Youth Football/Whitman Hanson Lacrosse Dual Sport Field - Tom explained that he had received an email from Hanson Youth Football and Whitman Hanson Lacrosse as an update to their earlier inquiry for CPC funds to upgrade fields at Maquan. Tom reviewed that his feedback to them at that time was to prepare a prioritized list of field issues to address. Tom said that he understands that they are moving in that direction and will add a more in-depth discussion to the April agenda. Shirley said she will forward the email to members.

Diane asked if there has been coordination of the closing of Maquan school and plans for the fields. John commented that a committee has been formed related to the school's reuse.

New Business

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED NEW BUSINESS

Tom said that he had no new Hanson Historical Commission/CPC-related business to report.

REC COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR CAMP KIWANEE DOCKS (VOTE)

Diane distributed copies of the Recreation Commission's CPC application for docks at Camp Kiwanee.

Tom asked Diane about the documentation substantiating the estimated \$80,000 cost for the docks. Diane directed him to the estimate from Riverhawk in the application packet. She said that Riverhawk worked with conservation in developing an environmental plan. In so doing, Diane said that they factored in an average of what the docks would cost and what it would cost to remove the pilings and the footings. Teresa presented a letter from the Historical Commission in support of the project.

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John pointed out the wording on page 19 of the application saying that the Massachusetts Historical Commission (“MHC”) has to review and provide approval of the Preservation Restriction Agreement. Phil agreed that if work is to be done on a piece of land, MHC should be invited to comment whether the work that will take place will have any effect on a historical resource. Diane said that she attended an MHC meeting and was told that for property that is already on the historic register, and the project will not be changing it in any way, MHC review shouldn’t be required. Phil suggested that Diane document that in writing. John further commented that while the project is categorized as Active Recreation, funds would come from the General Funds bucket and the committee needs to know that enough funds are available.

John asked what additional funds they would be contributing to this project. Diane said that the Recreation Commission was initially told it could not fund raise, but was recently informed that they can, so they are planning several fundraising activities. John noted that the project should be on the Capital Improvements Matrix and should be a town warrant article at town meeting rather than CPC. He expressed his concern for the amount of money being requested and added that while Camp Kiwanee was addressed in the community preservation plan, this particular project was not.

Diane stated that the project is now on the Capital Improvements Matrix. Teresa said that with concerns about fully funding the project, the Recreation Commission should go to Town Meeting for a portion of the amount, with the remaining from fund raising and CPA funds.

John asked if they have contacted the coalition to make sure that the project complies with CPA guidelines. Tom stated that if the project were construed as maintenance, it would not qualify.

John made a motion that the CPC request a placeholder article for \$80,000, with the stipulation that the CPC has not approved the Recreation Commission’s application. The motion was approved by Patty. Tom explained that at its April meeting, the CPC will hear updates from Diane and consider any amendments to the application. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC BOULDERS (VOTE)

This topic was passed over for discussion. Tom explained that the Historical Commission decided that this isn’t the right time for an application submission.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Phil commented on the pre-application for the purchase of land at the former site of Cushing Pond, stating that conservation’s level of interest is very high.

Teresa stated that as she has to recuse herself from discussions concerning Dakota Partners and Depot Village, Mike Jones will attend future CPC meetings when it is anticipated the topic will be discussed.

Adjournment

Allan made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Patty, and approved unanimously 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee