

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting
Selectmen’s Meeting Room
Minutes for April 11, 2018

Next scheduled meeting will be on Wed., May 9, 2018 at 7 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 March 14, 2018 meeting, which was seconded by Phil. The motion was approved 7-0-0.

Chairman’s Report

FINANCES/BUDGET

Tom had no information to report concerning the finances and budget. He directed members to the sheet that itemizes the account balances as of 4/2/2018, which was supplied by Todd.

OTHER

Tom told members that since the last meeting, letters were sent to the commissions/boards that are represented by the CPC, announcing the upcoming public forum and soliciting comment.

Old Business

RECREATION COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR CAMP KIWANEE DOCKS (VOTE)

Tom explained that at the last meeting the committee took action to create a town meeting placeholder concerning the Camp Kiwanee docks. He directed members to material on which he has summarized communication he has had with Stuart Saginor from the CPA Coalition and the Hanson Town Accountant since that time.

Tom reviewed the answers to questions that he had posed to the coalition and Todd, as follows: 1) that the replacement of the docks would not be considered maintenance, 1b) that open space funds do apply to this project, and it is recommended to use those funds first and then undesignated, 2) the current account balances, and 3) that funds approved for CPC projects can be reallocated—it would be

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permissible to recommend to fund a project, citing as a funding source, funds previously allocated. Tom said that Alison Leary of the coalition shared a DOR opinion on a third question, saying that unspent balances can be used as a funding source for other CPA projects. The fourth and last question that Tom said he had posed to the coalition was responded with the fact that the idea of cost sharing/matching on a CPC project is not in the statute.

Tom said that he has recently communicated with Annmarie and Diane from the Recreation Commission and they plan to cite \$50,000 of previously approved and unused funds from the cabin project as a funding source for the dock project.

In response to questions about the docks, Diane explained that that they are low maintenance, have a long life and are proven in many other locations. She said that dock resellers consistently recommend them over fixed docks.

Teresa asked about the two bids from EZ Dock. Diane stated that they represent the cost to create a dock system in the same configuration as exists now, which total approximately \$73,000. She said that the remaining monies requested will be for the removal and disposal of the current docks and pilings and those bids will be forthcoming. Tom said that from his communication with Annmarie, the crane work for removal is estimated at \$3,000 and the Hanson Fire Department dive team and apparatus have agreed to remove the old docks. He said that Annmarie is awaiting pricing to remove the old pilings.

After a question by Teresa, clarification was made that \$100,000 was originally appropriated for the cabin project; \$50,000 from historic funds and \$50,000 from undesignated funds. Of those funds, the Recreation Commission would like to continue on with the cabin work by using \$28,100 of historic funds that have been unspent and contribute the \$50,000 of unused undesignated funds to this project.

Teresa made a motion to recommend the project with the funding sources being \$50,000 of undesignated funds that were unused by the Camp Kiwanee cabin project and \$30,000 from the current available undesignated funds. The motion was seconded by Patty. Teresa suggested that in order to complete the application, that they get 1) a quote quantifying the anticipated \$8,000 associated with the dock removal, and 2) a letter from the fire department to document their offer to provide assistance. The motion was approved 6-1-0.

PARKS & FIELDS: UPDATE ON SPORTS FIELD PRIORITIES

Tom focused members attention to the document from Linda Cole explaining the desire for a dual use sports field. He said it had been received a number of weeks back. Tom said that he has communicated with Rob O'Brien recently, who said that Parks & Fields has completed a priorities matrix and decided that the middle school field is the top priority. Tom said that he will reach out to Parks & Fields to request documentation of their intentions relating to upcoming CPC funding.

UPDATES ON TOWN MEETING APPROVED PROJECTS

Botieri Field/Town Forest Project – Phil stated that the trees still have not come down at Botieri Field and said he recently refreshed the markings on the applicable trees. He said that he has spoken to Rob O'Brien who said that a reliable tree company is coordinating with the tree warden for the work to be done as soon as possible.

Schoolhouse #4 Painting Project – Allan said that the painter is ready to get started on the schoolhouse and is just waiting for some warmer temperatures.

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Housing Production Plan Project – Teresa said that a consulting group has been selected to prepare the housing production plan. She said that they are experts in affordable housing and have co-partnered with engineering firms in the past. Teresa said that they will be meeting with the group soon to get started.

Poor Meadow Brook Improvement Project – Per Phil, no physical work took place at the site since the last meeting. There is tree cleanup needed from the past storms, he said. In late spring, they hope to work on constructing the path from the parking lot to the brook viewing area.

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED OLD BUSINESS

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

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Phil said that he met today with a gentleman from Wildlands Trust to go over what needs to be done at the Thomas Mill regarding the conservation restriction (“CR”). Phil reported that with the creation of a new template for conservation restrictions, as well as new staff, the expectation is that the CR should be completed within the year.

New Business

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED NEW BUSINESS

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

PLANNING FOR MAY 9, 2018 PUBLIC FORUM/COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN (“CPP”)

Tom asked for input on the format of the upcoming public forum. Teresa stated that the forum should include the committee’s accomplishments over the past year, i.e., the streamline of the CPC application. Diane said that there should be a review of the projects in the pipeline. John said that as the CPP is a living document, the public should be invited to comment on its applicability as compared to when it was created. Tom asked Shirley to prepare five (5) copies of the CPP for the event. Tom suggested that CPC members who represent a committee communicate what their committee is currently discussing and planning related to the CPC.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Tom said that he attended a Scituate town meeting and learned that their CPC places all of their applications on the website. Teresa expressed support of the idea from an informational standpoint and said that they could serve as examples for those who are completing new applications.

Adjournment

Patty made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Allan, and approved unanimously 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee