

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting/Public Forum
Selectmen’s Meeting Room
Minutes for May 9, 2018

Next scheduled meeting will be on Wed., June 13, 2018 at 7 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call

Tom called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Absent: Rob O’Brien, Parks & Fields
 Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission

Guests: Laura FitzGerald-Kemmett, Hanson Selectman
 Joan Fruzzetti, Hanson resident

Reference materials: CPA Public Forum Handout, May 9, 2018

Approval of Minutes

John made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting, which was seconded by Patty. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Public Forum

REVIEW OF RECENT ACTIVITIES

Tom led off the public forum by referencing the CPA Public Forum Handout, thanking Laura for setting the framework with her coordination of past forums. He said that the handout acknowledges the CPA statute, why the committee exists and how accounts are funded. Tom continued that the handout details the current balances of the four accounts, describes how the committee is constituted, summarizes the CPC application process and provides contact information. He said that he will be working with Shirley to incorporate the handout on the website and revise the website further to keep it current.

PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE

Tom reviewed the CPC projects that have been completed since its inception. He went on to outline the projects that are in progress, providing status updates. Tom said that the Thomas Mill project awaits a pending Conservation Restriction; the Bonney House exterior and interior projects are largely completed; the painting of Schoolhouse #4 is scheduled to begin in June; the tree removal at the Botteri Field/Town Forest is slated to occur soon; the Camp Kiwanee North Cabin project has been scaled back in

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anticipation of remaining funds utilized for docks; the project at Poor Meadow Brook for clean-up and improvement is ongoing; and the housing production plan has begun, with Teresa stating that an introductory meeting with the consultant and Town Planner is scheduled in the coming week. Tom updated that funding for the Camp Kiwanee docks project was presented and approved at Town Meeting this past Monday.

In the final handout section, Tom summarized those projects that are at the pre-application and/or discussion stage, which include a park on the Plymouth County Hospital site; a final phase for the Bonney House in order to hire someone to prepare a plan to finalize the building layout; an historical marker project; Hancock Street playground; land purchase on West Washington Street (former location of Cushing Pond); Depot Village project; and sports fields upgrades.

John commented that it may be permissible to use CPC administrative funds for the study of the Bonney House. Tom said he will look in to that possibility. Concerning the boulders, John pointed out that the engraving/plaques on boulders that will be placed at CPC project locations may also be able to be funded with CPC administrative funds.

Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett voiced that the future of the Maquan School is unknown and that those discussing sports field upgrades at that site should be aware of that.

Tom expressed that the committee should reach out to those who have submitted pre-applications or made recent inquiries to inform them of a deadline for them to submit a full application in time for fall town meeting. The committee agreed that the deadline should be just prior to the July meeting.

John noted the committee's re-organization coming up in June. Ms. FitzGerald-Kemmett stated that she is aware of some new interest in CPC membership by individuals. She also emphasized the importance of the Parks & Fields representative, and one who is able to regularly contribute at CPC meetings.

In response to John's comment about town-owned fields, Tom stated that there are no Parks & Fields entries on the capital improvement matrix.

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

There were no comments made about the community preservation plan.

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS ON POSSIBLE FUTURE IDEAS

John stated that he anticipates submitting a pre-application in the next year for a pavilion on the Plymouth County Hospital site. Ms. Fitz-Gerald-Kemmett stated that she believes that if it is open on all four sides, with no bathroom facilities, that it would be CPC-eligible.

Patty asked if the Recreation Commission has plans to renovate the Camp Kiwanee caretaker cottage. Diane said because the building is on the historic register, they will likely go to the state level first and then request matching CPC funds.

Teresa said that depending on the result of the housing production plan, there could be a housing project on the horizon.

OTHER

There was no other information shared concerning the public forum.

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Chairman's Report

FINANCES/BUDGET

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

Old Business

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

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED NEW BUSINESS

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

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Teresa expressed appreciation to Bob Sears, former longtime CPC member, who is retiring from the Housing Authority. She invited CPC members to attend his retirement party.

Diane asked about the steps to take now that funding for the Camp Kiwanee docks has been approved. Tom suggested that she speak to Mike McCue. Patty explained that monies will be available in about a month after approval from the Department of Revenue.

Adjournment

Patty made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Allan, and approved unanimously 6-0-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee