

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall
Minutes for June 12, 2019

Next scheduled meeting will be on Wed., July 10, 2019 at 7 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Tom Hickey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was as follows:

Members Present: Tom Hickey, Chairman and Member-At-Large
Patty Norton, Vice-Chairman and Member-At-Large
Karen Howes-Duclos, Member-At-Large
Teresa Santalucia, Housing Authority
Diane Cohen, Member-At-Large
Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission

Others Present Eric Olson, Parks & Fields (CPC membership pending)

Members Absent: Allan Clemons, Historical Commission
John Kemmett, Planning Board

Guests: Ernie Sandland, Facilities Manager, Whitman-Hanson Regional School District

Minutes

Patty made a motion, seconded by Diane, to approve the minutes from the April 10 and May 8 meetings. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Reorganization of Committee

Patty made a motion to nominate Tom as the CPC Chairman for fiscal 2020, which was seconded by Diane. Phil made a motion to close nominations for chairman, which was seconded by Patty. The motion to close the nominations for chairman was approved 6-0-0. The motion to nominate Tom as chairman was approved 6-0-0.

Tom stated that he would like an application screening subcommittee of two or three CPC members to be created. He said that he feels it would be beneficial to the committee to facilitate the application process. Tom said he will entertain this at a future meeting for the committee’s consideration.

Tom asked for nominations for vice chairman, with Patty expressing that she chooses not to be re-nominated as vice chairman. Without a full membership present, Tom suggested that nominations for vice chairman be revisited at the next meeting.

Chairman’s Report

BUDGET/FINANCE

Tom reviewed the project report from Todd, which details those projects that have outstanding monies carried forward or ones that were approved in the current fiscal year. He also stated that currently there

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is \$129,856 in the open space bucket, \$97,889 in historical, \$185,223 in housing and \$1.3M in undesignated. Tom added that on July 1, open space, historical and housing will all be increased by \$25,000. He said that undesignated will also be increased, but the precise increase will not be known until at least late July.

OTHER

Tom stated that the David Soper/Ocean Spray topic will return to the July agenda. Per Teresa's request, Tom said he will revisit the deliverables that were previously outlined by Teresa via email for share to all members.

Old Business

DISCUSSION ABOUT SPORTS FIELDS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Whitman-Hanson Regional School District ("WHRSD") Facilities Manager, Ernie Sandland, was present for the discussion of the sports fields and middle school. Mr. Sandland explained that when he was hired in 2005, he was informed that his department was responsible for fully maintaining the fields at the high school, but only for cutting grass at the other school sports fields. While he disagrees with this policy, Mr. Sandland said that labor and materials for the maintenance of the other fields was never worked in to the budget.

Teresa noted that Hanson and Whitman have been relying on transitional volunteers from non-profit sports organizations to keep the school property fields maintained.

With Teresa acknowledging that WHRSD is not responsible for the care of the Hanson Middle School field, she asked who has control over the sprinkler system operation and maintenance. Mr. Sandland said that responsibility falls on the soccer group who funded its installation.

Mr. Sandland said that his department will get calls occasionally from the schools reporting potentially dangerous field conditions. He said that they will respond with loam and seed repairs, but are not allowed to do anything more. Mr. Sandland went on to say that he instructs his staff to contact him if they observe any problems while cutting grass.

Eric explained that Parks & Fields takes care of the three fields at Botieri, the large baseball field at Memorial, the Rockland small baseball and soccer fields, the LZ Thomas softball field and the Hancock field. He continued that they have a company that does the fertilizing, sprinkler work and opening and closings for those fields. Tom pointed out to the committee that the middle school and Indian Head fields are not on their list and that any future CPC project funding will have to address ongoing maintenance responsibilities.

Mr. Sandland said that he spoke to Superintendent Szymaniak of his intended attendance at this meeting, and informed him of the field grass-cutting only policy and that at some point someone will have to take responsibility for maintenance of those fields.

In response to Diane, Mr. Sandland said it is unclear to him why and when the middle school field maintenance responsibility fell apart.

Tom asked Mr. Sandland if he would prepare an estimate of what it would cost to maintain the Indian Head and middle school fields after the middle school has been brought to a playable state with functioning irrigation. Mr. Sandland said he will prepare that figure.

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Tom stated that he is in the process of finalizing the contract with an engineering firm for a limited review and schematic plan for the middle school field. He reminded members that it will be paid for by CPC administrative funds. Tom said that the engineers will be building two meetings with interested parties into their study in order to gain feedback.

Tom commented that he recently attended a meeting with Mr. Sandland and the town sports groups and shared that his take away from that one meeting was that only the soccer group would consider the middle school as a primary practice space for a game. Eric offered some explanation for that, saying for example, that youth football requires a fence and bathrooms.

Phil expressed that the needs of each sports group should be documented. Tom distributed to members a document he received from Hanson Youth Soccer Treasurer, Warren MacCallum, which lists the field-type needs of the various sports and for what season. Teresa said that this document should be enhanced to include specific sport field requirements, such as that articulated previously about youth football.

UPDATE ON TOWN MEETING APPROVED CPC PROJECTS

Phil shared that activity relating to the **Poor Meadow Brook Improvement Project** is in the form of a purchase order to fund an ADA path from the parking area to the viewing area.

Phil stated relating to the **Plymouth County Hospital (“PCH”) Park Engineering Plan**, that they are changing design vendors and working through those procurement details. Tom noted that Phil also said that the PCH Re-Use Committee has no active plans to include sports fields into the park design.

Teresa said that the **Housing Production Plan** is now complete and was approved by the state very recently. She said it will ensure Hanson’s eligibility for various grants, allow it to move forward with 40R zoning and smooth the way for the creation of an affordable housing trust.

Diane updated concerning the **Camp Kiwanee North End Cabins** that a contractor has viewed all the cabins taking note of any structural damage. She said that those repairs should be completed this summer.

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED OLD BUSINESS

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

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

There was no other old business discussed.

New Business

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED NEW BUSINESS

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

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

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Adjournment

Phil made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Diane, and approved 6-0-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee