

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting
Selectmen’s Meeting Room, Town Hall
Minutes for March 11, 2020

Next scheduled meeting will be on Wed., April 8, 2020 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
John Kemmett, Vice-Chairman and Planning Board
Patty Norton, Member-At-Large
Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission
Karen Howes-Duclos, Member-At-Large
Teresa Santalucia, Housing Authority

Members Absent: Allan Clemons, Historical Commission
Diane Cohen, Member-At-Large
Eric Olson, Parks & Fields Commission

Minutes

Teresa made a motion, seconded by Patty, to approve the minutes from the February 12 meeting. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Chairman’s Report

Tom stated that the Poor Meadow Brook project is complete, with a \$60 remaining balance, and that closing it out will be addressed later on in the meeting.

Tom said that the next meeting in April will be the annual open forum during which an overview of all past and present projects will be reviewed, in addition to a discussion of any proposed future projects.

Liaison Reports for any CPC applications in process

There was no information to report from a CPC project liaison.

Old Business

POTENTIAL MAY 2020 TOWN MEETING PROPOSALS (VOTE)

Tom explained that the following three proposed projects all presently have placeholders that will allow them to be taken up at town meeting:

HMS Athletic Fields – Tom said that he is aware that Warren McCallum is involved with the preparation of a CPC application regarding the HMS field for an artificial turf design. Tom said that he is told that Parks & Fields has recommended that the project go forward, but he does not believe that it has come before the Board of Selectman regarding their support. Tom said that he will communicate back to

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Warren that an application needs to be presented to the committee as soon as possible to allow member review.

Historical Markers project – Teresa stated that she is presenting to the committee the Part B application for historical markers. She explained changes made to the application since the Part A version was brought forward:

- 1) The requested amount is \$50 less reflecting a firm cost estimated received, however, she said that Tom has recommended that the amount requested be increased to an even \$6,000 to build in a cushion.
- 2) The application includes a letter of support from the highway department in which they commit their assistance in locating and placing the signs, to include marking the sites on town properties, the dig safe process and installation of the signs in September prior to the parade.
- 3) Teresa received feedback regarding procurement in that there are no companies that perform exactly this service for which to compare. On the advice of the procurement officer, she will document her efforts to locate businesses that perform a similar service and submit as a report.
- 4) The language for the signs is being fine-tuned and efforts are ongoing to locate archival photos.

Patty commented that the project application should include a support letter from the Board of Selectmen.

John made a motion to recommend the historical marker project to town meeting in the increased amount of \$6,820.52. He explained that due to the time-sensitive nature of the project's completion, the increased amount would ensure that adequate funds are approved, allowing for any unexpected expenses. The motion was seconded by Phil and approved 6-0-0. The motion was amended by Patty, seconded by Phil, to stipulate that the funds for the project be taken from the CPC's undesignated funds. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Phil observed that many of the proposed marker sites are adjacent to conservation areas and stated that conservation should have the opportunity to collaborate concerning signage language at those sites.

Mass Trails Program project – Phil stated that the Part B application for the project referred to as the "Park Perimeter Trail," is not complete as yet, however, it is intended that it will be submitted to meet the CPC's April meeting deadline. He said that an answer concerning the Mass Trails Grant, for which nearly 80% of the funds will come, is due about mid-May. Phil stated that he will submit the completed application ahead of the next meeting to afford members time to review its content.

STOREY PROPERTY UPDATE

Phil stated that the Storey property is on hold until the Sleeper Preserve acquisition is complete.

UPDATES ON TOWN MEETING APPROVED CPC PROJECTS

Camp Kiwanee North End Cabins – In Diane's absence, there was no update to report concerning the north end cabins.

Bonney House Rehabilitation – There was no information to report on the Bonney House rehabilitation.

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Thomas Mill Project – Phil stated that the new engineering plan for the Thomas Mill property, which the state and Wildlands Trust require prior to the conservation restriction, is in process.

Botieri Field/Town Forest – Phil stated that the Botieri project is complete except for the baseball signs that need to be erected by the sports people. He said there may be a small expense relating to that, so the project cannot be closed out as yet. Tom said he will email Eric Olson about the sign installation.

Tom also said he will compose a letter discussed previously concerning dirt piles on the parking lot and direct it to the town administrator.

Poor Meadow Brook Improvement Project (Close out vote) – Phil said that the path at Poor Meadow Brook has been installed and the project is complete. Patty made a motion, seconded by Phil, to close the project and return the \$60 surplus to the originating fund. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Plymouth County Hospital (“PCH”) Park Engineering Plan – Phil stated that the PCH engineering plan, which is a separate entity from the proposed PCH trail project, is ongoing.

Sleeper Preserve Project – Phil stated that the town planner has submitted the final open space and recreation plan to the state. He said that the plan’s approval, anticipated in the next month, will allow the release of funds to pay for the Sleeper Preserve.

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED OLD BUSINESS

There was no Hanson 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

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OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business to discuss.

Adjournment

Patty made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Teresa, and approved 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee