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Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Virtual Meeting
Minutes for September 14, 2020

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Tom Hickey called the meeting to order at 7:02 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
Eric Olson, Parks & Fields Commission
Teresa Santalucia, Housing Authority (late arrival)

Members Absent: Allan Clemons, Historical Commission
Diane Cohen, Member-At-Large
Karen Howes-Duclos, Member-At-Large

Discussion of potential Town Meeting Articles

1. **Trails Grant** – Recalling back to March when it was last discussed [pre-pandemic], Phil explained his belief that a Part A CPC application was presented to the CPC for monies to help match the trails grant funding, but said that a Part B application may have not have been brought before the committee. He noted that a \$100,000 state grant was received from the Recreational Trails Program for the park perimeters trail project this past July. Phil expressed reservation that CPC and Selectmen approval of a Part B application could be accomplished to meet the Oct 3 Special Town Meeting deadlines. Tom questioned if the state grant would be in jeopardy if this article were to be postponed until the spring.

Patty pointed out that Article 5 of the draft October 3 Special Town Meeting warrant seeks to appropriate \$30,410 from CPC reserve funds to pay for the local share of the State Matching Trails Grant. Phil agreed that the draft article aligns with funding being discussed. John maintained that the article should not go forward without the CPC’s usual in-hand Part B support.

Phil made a motion, seconded by John, to support a placeholder article to apply \$30,410 from the Community Preservation reserve funds to the park perimeter trail project. The motion was approved 6-0-0. Phil said that he will forward the Part B application to Shirley for distribution to members. Tom said a meeting will be scheduled before Town Meeting in order for the committee to review the application and vote on approval.

2. **Plymouth County Hospital (PCH) Park** – Phil stated that this particular Plymouth County Hospital potential article is separate from the trail grant article. He continued that its details would be best be addressed by PCH ReUse Committee members Mr. Ellis and Mr. Dyer. Phil said that it is not expected that this project is directed at the CPC for its funding.

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Patty read in to the record Article 8 of the draft Oct. 3 Special Town Meeting warrant in which funds are requested to pay for construction design plans for infrastructure and road ways of a proposed park on the PCH property. Phil affirmed previous comment that the draft article does not name the CPC as its funding source.

3. **Athletic Field Design for the Middle School** – Tom reviewed that the CPC had paid for an engineering study relative to the design and construction costs of the middle school field that provided both a natural turf option and an artificial turf option. He said that the logical next step would be the committee's receipt of a formal application from Parks & Fields, which has not occurred at this time.

Tom said that this evening's discussion is to determine if the committee should add a placeholder article to the warrant for a field design, predicated upon receipt and approval of a formal application by the committee before town meeting.

There was clarification that a CPC article would encompass only the design of a field and not the eventual cost of its construction.

A motion was made by John, seconded by Eric, to table the athletic field design article discussion until a full application is received. After some discussion, John and Eric withdrew their motion and second.

A motion was made by John, seconded by Patty, to recommend a placeholder article for the design costs associated with the renovation of the Hanson Middle School field. Phil commented that the article's presence on the warrant, whether it goes forward or not, would bring awareness of the project to the community. He added that reservations the committee may have at that time would be articulated on the town meeting floor. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Adjournment

Patty made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Phil, and approved 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk
Community Preservation Committee