

Town of Hanson  
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting  
Minutes for November 7, 2015 at the Nathaniel Thomas Mill

**Next meeting will be 7:00 PM, Wednesday, December 9, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM. Attendance was as follows:

Members Present:        Laura Fitzgerald-Kemmett, Chairman and Member-At-Large  
                                Patty Norton, Vice-Chairman and Member-At-Large  
                                Robert Sears, Housing Authority  
                                Robert Overholtzer, Member-At-Large  
                                John Kemmett, Conservation  
                                Allan Clemons, Historical Commission  
                                Stephen Regan, Planning Board

Members Absent:        Kenneth Mitchell, Parks & Fields  
                                Tom Hickey, Member-At-Large

Guest:                     Mike Bonnano, Hanson Lions

Chairman’s Report:

Laura said she received a bill for the Boteiri Field work in the amount of \$69,270.00. Upon visual inspection of the fields, she believes the work to be about 80% complete. John made a motion to approve payment, which was seconded by Bob Sears and approved 7-0-0. Members signed the warrant; however, Laura will confirm the status of the work with Little League prior to submitting the bill to Merry.

Old Business:

**Thomas Mill** – John said that [Town Planner] Laurie Muncy approached him and said that she wants the Thomas Mill building to be turned over to the Recreation Commission, which is consistent with the Conservation Commission’s desire to separate management of the building from the conservation land. Wildlands Trust has said they will not perform the deed restriction on the property because of the building situated on the land. Monies for the deed restriction were allocated at the time the project was initiated and remain in reserve.

The Conservation Commission maintains that it is, for one, not staffed to manage the building’s rentals. It has been suggested that rentals of the building be handled by Camp Kiwanee staff.

Laura asked Shirley to remind her to check with Stuart and Katherine of the coalition to see if Thomas Mill is eligible for historic restoration funding.

**Bonney House** – Allan shared an update on the progress of the Bonney House exterior. Students have been working on the front clapboards. They will be able to work next on the back side since it contains no lead paint, but Allan does not have a timeframe yet on when that will begin. Allan

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elaborated on future embellishments, i.e., installing donated cabinets in the kitchen and the placement of period artifacts that will enhance interest.

Laura said she has been pleased to see positive feedback via Facebook of the Bonney House work. Allan said he placed one of the new signs on the edge of the building. Being a vital element to Hanson's history, Laura said she envisions the creation of a group in the future that will oversee the care of the Bonney House.

**Botieri Field** – The work on the Botieri Field/Town Forest project is believed to be mostly complete. Laura anticipates that there will be mention made on opening day of the community's use of CPA funds for all of the field work.

**Whitman-Hanson Recreation Area** – The WH recreation area land had been cleared and flattened at last update, but no new progress has been observed recently. Laura will reach out to Bob Rodgers for a status of the project.

**Camp Kiwanee** – Laura solicited feedback from others who may have viewed the completed work on the Camp Kiwanee cabins.

**Plymouth County Hospital** ("PCH") – Laura said she is not aware of much going on with PCH. She knows that a list has been made of town-owned properties and that a sub-committee will be reviewing them.

Approval of Minutes:

John Kemmett made a motion to approve the October minutes, which was seconded by Allan. Laura, Patty, Bob Sears and John voted approval. Bob Overholtzer, Allan and Stephen abstained from voting since they had not attended the October meeting. Since there was not quorum approval for the minutes, vote will be postponed until the next meeting.

New Business

**Indian Head Field** - Laura said she was approached by the football, lacrosse and soccer groups regarding the addition of a new field at Indian Head, behind the existing field. Laura has invited them to our December meeting. There was some discussion that due to the multiple sport groups that have been interested in using CPA funds, CPC will have to carefully analyze and prioritize 1) how much of the town population would benefit from the projects, 2) fund raising efforts of the requesting groups and 3) what CPA funds remain available for recreation projects.

Laura asked Shirley to find out if the CPA matching funds amounts have been released yet.

**Monponsett Playground** – Members not present for last month's Monponsett playground presentation by Don Ellis were briefed. Laura wants to know if Don went before the Board of Selectmen yet and asked Shirley to forward the information on playground equipment providers to him. There is legitimate concern among CPC members about who would manage the project, to include, initially, research into the neighborhood's interest in a playground. A common sentiment was that Don should research for grants. Mike Bonnano from the Hanson Lions was present to

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describe assistance they can provide. He stated that if a group can raise at least \$10,000, then they could be eligible for a matching grant of \$10,000. The Lions of Nashua provides the matching funds and Mike said that it may take time for a request to be processed.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment:

Patty made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Bob S. and approved 7-0-0.  
The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk  
Community Preservation Committee