

Town of Hanson
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”)
Select Board Meeting Room, Town Hall
Minutes for December 13, 2023

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson John Kemmett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: John Kemmett, Chairperson and Planning Board
Diane Cohen, Vice-Chairperson and Member-At-Large
Karen Howes-Duclos, Member-At-Large
Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission
Tom Hickey, Member-At-Large
Adam Valachovic, Parks & Fields Commission
Paul Cerra, Member-At-Large

Members Absent: Allan Clemons, Historical Commission
Michael Jones, Housing Authority

Documents
referenced: Part B application for HMS Soccer/Football Fields (Part 2)

Chairperson Update

John introduced new at-large CPC member, Paul Cerra.

New Business

PART B APPLICATION FROM PARKS & FIELDS HMS FIELD PROJECT (PART 2)

[The contact named on the project application is CPC Member Adam Valachovic.] It was explained that there were unforeseen issues that came up during the Hanson Middle School fields construction work. There was a drain pipe in the way of the irrigation system, the shed had to be moved and well chamber cleared in order to use the existing well. Inflation in the amount of 20% also contributed to extra expense, it was said.

It was shared that Whitman Hanson Youth Soccer subsequently raised an additional \$22,500 toward the unexpected expense. This updated application is requesting \$50,000 for the unanticipated circumstances, inflation and fencing to delineate the fields.

There was comment made that Section II Item B of the application also include “Rehabilitation/Restoration” as a goal of the project.

It was stated that the school will be responsible for the mowing of the fields and Parks and Fields will fertilize and irrigate.

It was noted that going forward, there should be a letter of intent included with the application for maintenance of a project. There was suggestion that this requirement be stated on the application.

There was remark about public access to the fields if they are fenced.

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MOTION by Diane, seconded by Tom, to approve the application. Voted 6-0-1.

Miscellaneous

- It was mentioned that Town Planner Tony DeFrias had expressed interest in attending this meeting for the purpose of discussing with the Committee the use of CPC funds to update the Housing Production Plan.
- There was comment about a future Open Space purchase.
- It was pointed out that there is no procedure for the use of CPC's Administrative funds by applicant projects.

Minutes

There were no minutes presented on which to vote.

Adjournment

MOTION by Diane, seconded by Adam, to adjourn the meeting. Voted 7-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk

Community Preservation Committee

[Minutes were prepared by Shirley Schindler from notes taken by Vice-Chairperson, Diane Cohen in Shirley's absence]