

Town of Hanson  
542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341

Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”) Meeting  
Selectmen’s Meeting Room  
Minutes for December 12, 2018

**Next scheduled meeting will be on Wed., January 9, 2019 at 7 PM**

Call to Order/Roll Call

Tom 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, Planning Board  
                                  Allan Clemons, Historical Commission  
                                  Phil Clemons, Conservation Commission  
                                  Diane Cohen, Member-At-Large  
                                  Patty Norton, Vice-Chairman and Member-At-Large

Absent:                       Karen Howes-Duclos, Member-At-Large  
                                  Rob O’Brien, Parks & Fields  
                                  Teresa Santalucia, Housing Authority

Old Business

UPDATES ON TOWN MEETING APPROVED CPC PROJECTS

**Thomas Mill** – Tom referenced documents relating to his ongoing efforts to advance the resolution of the outstanding Thomas Mill conservation restriction. Phil said that he and Mike McCue will be meeting with town counsel tomorrow to inform them of the status and request their assistance in moving this forward. Phil added that he also awaits response from Scott MacFaden at Wildlands Trust in hopes that a meeting or discussion can be arranged soon for ironing out final details to satisfy their requirements. Tom said there is a \$9,546.25 balance remaining in the original project allocation from which any expenses will be drawn.

**Botieri Field/Town Forest Project** – Phil explained that a meeting took place today at the Botieri Field/Town Forest site with Parks & Fields. He said that Newcomb Tree Service was there and he indicated the sections of trees to come down, adding that soon he will specifically re-mark them. Phil said that he was promised that the trees will be down within a month. Tom added that there is \$17,353.37 available from the project for the tree removal.

**Housing Production Plan Project** – With Teresa absent, Tom postponed any update on the Housing Production Plan project until her return.

**Poor Meadow Brook Improvement Project** – Phil said that they await a proposal for the construction of an ADA-compliant path from the parking lot to the river at Poor Meadow Brook. He also said that in order to minimize costs, they have reached out to the local boy scout troop to request assistance with other elements of the project.

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HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED OLD BUSINESS

**Wessling Architects work on Bonney House** – Tom reviewed that the committee will be using administrative funds to pay for Wessling Architects to closely review the next phase of renovations to the Bonney House. Tom said that in his communication with Scott Winkler, he will request that their report segregate those expenses that are CPA-eligible from those that are not.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

**12/4 chairman meeting with Parks & Fields (“P&F”), re: HMS sports field** – Tom stated that he attended a P&F meeting on 12/4 for the purpose of discussing their role and/or intentions relative to the middle school soccer field. He said that P&F supports, in principle, the idea of an eventual application to the CPC for an engineering study. Tom said that he emphasized to them that there be a coordinated effort and the CPC does not want multiple field enhancement requests from different sources. In response to Tom’s reference to past remarks, John said that the school department has construction drawings from when the original fields were built.

With the focus on the middle school field, Diane expressed that she thought the CPC wanted an analysis that included all the fields in town. Tom said that it was clear at the P&F meeting their consensus that the middle school field is of the most concern. Diane added that an engineering study should encompass fields in addition to the middle school in order to gain the most comprehensive picture as well as value. John agreed, saying that the committee should accept nothing less than an overall view of the conditions of all the fields in town. In response to Tom, John said he will request that this topic be added to the next planning board meeting agenda in order to obtain feedback from the town planner. Tom said he will relay the board’s comments back to P&F.

New Business

WHRHS STREET HOCKEY RINK INQUIRY

Tom stated that he received an email from Bob Rodgers inquiring whether there might be funding available at some point in the future for a street hockey area near the high school. Tom said he postponed his response in lieu of comments from this committee.

Allan commented on the fact that Whitman does not have a CPC committee and that funding for this type of project should be shared with the Town of Whitman. Tom said he will respond to Bob to request more information and will pass on the committee’s comments.

HANSON HISTORICAL COMMISSION/CPC-RELATED NEW BUSINESS

There was no new Hanson Historical Commission/CPC-related business to report.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Phil stated that the Plymouth County Hospital Park (“PCH”) engineering plan that was approved at town meeting has commenced. He said the PCH committee will be meeting with the engineering firm next week in order to ensure that they have all the data in order to do the study. Phil added that the PCH committee is also considering an application to the Massachusetts Recreational Trails program, which provides funding related to passive recreation projects. Tom apologized for omitting this topic from the old business section for project updates, to which it should have been placed. He said it will be added back for the next agenda.

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Approval of Minutes

Going forward, Tom asked members if they would be agreeable to receiving the meeting minutes by email prior to the meeting for review and eliminating the print version at the meeting. Members expressed support of this paper saving measure. In order to assure the Open Meeting Law “no deliberations” policy, John suggested that a reminder as such could be added to the emailed minutes.

Allan made a motion to approve the minutes from November 14, which was seconded by Phil and approved, 6-0-0.

Chairman’s Report

Tom did not have any additional budget/finance information to report except for his distribution of the project report. Patty commented that she met with Mr. Soper recently to assist him with his Ocean Spray park application. Tom said that the topic will appear on the January agenda.

Adjournment

Patty made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Allan, and approved unanimously 6-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Schindler, Clerk  
Community Preservation Committee