



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION

PUBLIC AND REGULAR MEETING

Thursday September 10, 2020

Chair, Betty Slade called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: Vice-Chair Tim Gillespie and members Hugh Morton, John Bell, Dale Weber, Janet Jones, Mark Schmid, Phil Weinberg and Elizabeth Collins.

1. **Public Meeting** to gather input of the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation funding for:
 - a. Community Housing.
 - b. Historic Preservation.
 - c. Open Space & Recreation.

Ms. Slade presented a proposal under Historic Preservation.

Ms. Slade proposed a project for repairing historic cemetery stones that are leaning, broken and loose beginning at Linden Grove Cemetery where a survey shows 164 stones in need of repair. Work would be done at town-owned cemeteries. She discussed work done to date at the cemeteries. Mr. Gillespie suggested starting out with a set budget and adding to it through the years if necessary. Ms. Slade stated that experts would train volunteers who would do much of the work. Mr. Gillespie would like to see some funding to support the work but also to support expenses. Ms. Slade agreed. Ms. Slade stated that there might be additional private funding available in addition to CPA funding. She will be consulting with the Community Preservation Coalition about other possible projects such as restoring the existing mausoleum.

Mr. Weinberg asked what makes a headstone historic – Ms. Slade stated it is age. Mr. Weinberg felt that it would be important to reach out to the families for their participation also. Mr. Gillespie suggested that the cemetery itself was an historic asset and the stones within were also, despite their age.

Members discussed the condition of the cemetery building not being very welcoming and the proximity of the police and fire stations. Ms. Slade noted a feasibility study had been authorized at town meeting to build a new building to be used by the cemetery department, fire and police departments. Mr. Morton said it would be mostly for cemetery use. Members were in agreement for Ms. Slade to follow through with this project.

There were no other proposals.

Regular meeting began at 6:55pm.

2. **Minutes.**

August 13, 2020. **Motion** by Ms. Jones to approve as amended. Seconded by Mr. Morton. The vote was 7 in favor with Ms. Collins and Mr. Gillespie abstaining because they were absent.

3. WYAA hockey field torn up by bikers

Ms. Slade stated that the situation was looked into and the incident had minor damages but the managers will be installing cameras to monitor movements.

4. Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) Grant Agreement

Motion by Ms. Collins to approve. Seconded by Mr. Gillespie. The vote was unanimous with all in favor.

5. Assignment of CPC Liaison to AHT

Ms. Collins agreed to continue as the liaison for the Affordable Housing Trust.

6. Any other business not reasonably anticipated.

Ms. Slade reported that, with the help of Mr. Bell, the CP-3 reporting was completed today. She explained the CPC is required to report on all the projects funded through CPA. The Affordable Housing project projects are complicated as the website only started to pick up the details of those projects for the last 3 years. The Conservation Restrictions and Agricultural Preservation Restrictions are also complicated as the recorded book and page need to be inputted into the CP-3 data base only after these documents are recorded.

7. Bills.

SITEC Inc. for the Point Terminus project \$840.00

Motion by Ms. Collins to pay the SITEC bill. Seconded by Ms. Weber. The vote was unanimous with all in favor by roll call.

Woodall \$63K for the remainder of the stone walls. The Landing Commission felt that the work was not up to par and asked that payment be held until a final report from SITEC is received and the work is approved by SITEC. Ms. Slade would keep informed of the situation and advise the members once SITEC approves the work.

Next meeting: October 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn.

Motion by Mr. Morton adjourn at 7:17pm. Seconded by Mr. Bell. The members voted all in favor by roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Tabit
Recording Clerk

Attachments:

August 13, 2020 minutes; CPC Handout for ATM; Liaison list as of August 2019; List of bills paid since January; Point Survey Report.