

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Mary McElroy Meeting Room – McCulloch Building
182 Green Street
June 7, 2018
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Dan Condon, Vice Chairman
George Loring
Ken Padula
Mark Kilban
Ed Harrington
Victor Pap
Cathy Torrey

NOT PRESENT: Christopher Hannan
Pat O’Leary

ALSO PRESENT: Kate Marshall, Planning & Community Development

RECORDING SECRETARY: Christine Malloy

Vice Chairman Condon called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

**FUNDING REQUEST – WEYMOUTH-BRAINTREE REGIONAL RECREATIONAL
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

Mike Richardi
Sean Cleaves

At the June 7, 2018 meeting of the Community Preservation Committee, the committee reviewed and discussed the application put forward by the Weymouth-Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District Commission (WBRRCDC). The WBRRCDC is the sponsor of this request as the Commission oversees the land interest of Pond Meadow Park, located in Weymouth and Braintree. Sean Cleaves, Forest and Park Supervisor and Mike Richardi Commissioner (WBRRCDC), presented the request in the amount of \$65,500.00. The District is requesting funding for the Army Corps of Engineers to provide the Towns of Weymouth and Braintree as well as the WBRRCDC with a feasibility study to restore the Smelt Brook located between a fish gate upstream of Weymouth Landing (proximity of Brookside Road) and the dam at Pond Meadow Park. The army Corps of Engineers estimates the value of the feasibility study to be \$297,000.00. The District is requesting funds in the amount of \$65,500.00 from Weymouth’s CPC and \$65,500.00 from Braintree’s CPC in order to match the Army Corps share of \$166,000.00.

Ms. Marshall stated late in the day on June 7, 2018 a letter from the Sierra Club was hand delivered to Town Hall. This letter is in support of this project and is read into the record as follows:

June 6, 2018

*Town of Weymouth
Community Preservation Committee
75 Middle Street
Weymouth, MA 02189*

RE: Funding Smelt Brook Section 1135 Restoration Feasibility Study

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

On behalf of over 130,000 members and supporters across the Commonwealth, The Sierra Club Massachusetts Chapter writes to you in support of funding for the Smelt Brook Section 1135 Restoration Feasibility study.

The Sierra Club recognizes the environmental and social benefits to improving fish passage for migratory fish species including Smelt and American Eel at the smelt brook fish gate and perched culvert.

The opportunity to remove the perched culvert, restore the natural streambed will increase the spawning habitat of Smelt and passage of American Eel. The potential creation of a passive recreation park at the location could benefit residents and visitors alike, providing passive space for people to view the restored stream and connect with nature.

CC: Mayor Hedlund

Sincerely yours,

*Emily Norton,
Director, Massachusetts Chapter*

Mr. Pap made a MOTION to APPROPRIATE REQUEST FOR FUNDING \$65,500.00 for WBRRCDC to be the sponsor for the Army Corps of Engineers to perform a feasibility study to restore the Smelt Brook upstream of Weymouth Landing as follows; \$218.95 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space #4906-321004 and \$65,281.05 from the Unreserved Fund Balance #4906-321001. Additionally the motion includes; this appropriation is contingent on the Weymouth-Braintree Regional Recreation Conservation District Commission obtaining a commitment in writing from the Army Corps of Engineers' promise to fund 75% of the actual construction costs with the Town's sharing the remaining 25% at 12.5% each. The appropriation is also contingent on Braintree's CPC's commitment to funding the feasibility study as well. Mr. Harrington SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Paula Mine
36 Belucia Road
Hingham, MA

Ms. Mine stated she recently got a cost estimate from an arborist who deals with historic areas; historic (old) trees. The trees are in the really old part of the cemetery and they need to come down professionally before they fall down and hurt someone or damage historic stones. The estimate she received was for \$18,000 for the three historic areas of the North Cemetery; \$7,000 by the cannons, \$8,000 across North Street and \$3,000 for the 3rd area.

Mr. Kilban asked Ms. Mine will you be getting any more estimates. She said only if she has to.

Ms. Torrey asked can't DPW just do the work?

Vice Chairman Condon suggested to Ms. Mine that she get in contact with Ms. Marshall in the Planning Office and fill out a formal funding request.

PROJECT UPDATES

Boy Scout Bridge

Steve Reilly and Andrew Hultin as working on getting this bridge back up.

Puritan Road

Trail head, working on sign. Bid to engineering. BETA more aggressive role.

King Oak Hill Park

By June 30, 2018 hope to be all done. The signage should be up soon.

Stella Rink 2

DPW is doing the labor, so far only the parking lot is up. The rink base is done.

Abigail Adams Historical Society

The Sampler and HVAC have gone to Budget Management.

Veterans Wall

Still working on it, almost done.

Jefferson School

Will be at Town Council hearing to support their application.

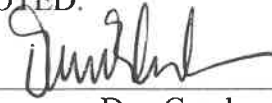
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will be held on July 5, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pap made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:10PM. Mr. Loring SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____



Dan Condon, Vice Chairman

Dated: _____

10/4/18