

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

October 1, 2014

Fogg Library, 1 Columbian Street

MINUTES

PRESENT

Dan Condon, Vice Chairman
Chris Hannan, Clerk
Ed Harrington
Don Mathewson
George Loring
Steve Reilly
Pat O'Leary

NOT PRESENT

Walter Flynn, Chairman
Helen Maloney

ALSO PRESENT

Jim Clarke, Director of Planning
Kate Marshall, Community Development Planner
Rob MacLean, Director of Public Libraries

RECORDING SECRETARY

Kate Marshall

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

Steve Reilly asked to take the recreation presentation out of order until Mike Doyle arrived to the meeting.

PROJECT UPDATES

Canoe

Kate Marshall informed the committee that the canoe preservation project is complete. Found Legends' final report was emailed to the CPC today and hard copies are available on request. She also said that the Historic Commission will be hosting a public presentation of the report by Found Legends Restoration, in the canoe room, sometime in the coming months.

Chris Hannan recommended that the previous conservators of the canoe from Harvard; and CSPAN be invited.

Pat O'Leary said that it was great that the Weymouth Historic Commission took this project on. She also said it would be nice to have a better place to showcase the canoe.

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Jim Clarke said that he recently learned that one of the employees from Weston Graphics in Hingham worked on the mural inside the case and it would be nice to extend an invitation to the presentation to him as well.

Legion Field

Jim Clarke said that the project should wrap up by the middle of November. The contractor will be back in the spring to complete it. The playground equipment is installed, still working on the synthetic turf, walkways and fencing. Jim Clarke mentioned that the site could use some rain after the dry weather we've had.

Bradford Hawes Park

Jim Clarke said that DPW has done a fair amount of site prep work. The fence around the street hockey surface has been removed, forms are built for the concrete walkway around the play structures and the playground equipment should be delivered on November 1, 2014.

Former Kibby Property

Jim Clarke said that he is meeting with DCR and ICON parks design tomorrow at the former Kibby property to discuss the design, construction and maintenance of the trail extension between Saltwater Creek Condominiums and Abigail Adams State Park. DCR may be able to handle some construction and maintenance items. He said there is still approximately \$133,000 in funds remaining for this project.

Lakeview Manor

Kate Marshall said that the Weymouth Housing Authority is developing a new funding request; for the reallocation of funds; made up of items presented by Mike Flaherty, Executive Director of the WHA, at the September 4, 2014 CPC meeting. She said she will forward the new request to the CPC when it is submitted by the WHA.

Smith Stones

Kate Marshall said that the project is complete. We are waiting on the final written report from the conservator, Marking Burials.

Emery Estate

Jim Clarke said that he is working with a non-profit to see if they are interested in working with the Town to manage the property. He said it would be good to get a sense of purpose before moving forward on the driveway and parking.

Fogg Library

Rob MacLean said that the final construction punch list is still outstanding. He said that the library opened in April and that meeting rooms are being reserved now that summer has ended. Rob discussed Joe Merton's contributions of art, furniture and tiles as well as the contributions of the Tanner B Foundation, Brady Enterprises and others.

Dan Condon asked Rob MacLean about the availability of computers at the library. He also asked who the users of the library are.

Rob MacLean mentioned the technology in the library; specifically, wifi, smart TVs, and soft seating and how the technology provides a nice combination of the 19th and 21st century. The users are high school and college students, normal book browsers, families; all generations. Dan Condon said that the library renovation project was well done; great job.

Stella Rink

Jim Clarke said that we changed the dimensions of the rink after placing the initial order. The Town was advised by an adult street hockey league to add more boards.

First Church Meeting House

Jim Clarke said that the gilding of the weathervane is underway and that the exterior front doors are ordered.

Chris Hannan said that all of the items should be completed for the 250th wedding anniversary celebration which will be held on October 24 and 25, 2014. For more information, see abigailadamsbirthplace.com.

Whitmans Pond Drawdown Permitting

Jim Clarke said that the conservation staff is working on developing an RFP.

RECREATION PRESENTATION

Dan Condon asked Mike Doyle, Director of Recreation, to come forward and provide an overview of recreation programs, needs and priorities.

Mike Doyle said that approximately 200 kids participate in the summer program at Wessagusset. The Recreation Department has access to the gym and cafeteria when it rains or to get out of the sun. This summer, Immaculate Conception Church stopped allowing the Recreation Department to use the gym. Mike Doyle said that this caused a minor wrinkle in summer programming.

Mike Doyle said that the Recreation Department is thrilled with the recent park improvements made with meals tax revenue. He also said that the completion of Legion Field will also expand the Recreation Department's programs.

Steve Reilly said that he is grateful to the CPC for its support with the park improvements around the Town. He said that the progress being made is great for the neighborhoods and the community in general.

Pat O'Leary asked how the Recreation Department mediated not being able to use the gym at Immaculate Conception this summer. Mike Doyle said that it worked itself out, mainly because

we had little rain. He also said that he was grateful to the Tufts Library for offering indoor space to the campers at Weston Park.

Mike Doyle said that the schools would be a great indoor space but the timing is tricky. School has been getting out later and later in June and the School Department needs the time to get the schools ready for the fall.

Chris Hannan asked Mike Doyle if the Recreation Department would be able to use some sort of a shade shelter or pavilion at one of its summer recreation spots. Mike Doyle said that something more permanent would be better.

Jim Clarke thanked Mike Doyle for the update and continued the discussion by referring back to the study under "recreation".

Jim Clarke said that he is working on a wayfinding grant with the Town of Hingham. The grant will address signage, interpretive panels (historical, geological and ecological history and information) and possibly a mobile app with respect to the Back River circuit. The grant application is due on October 10, 2014.

Jim Clarke mentioned the recent boat ride he attended sponsored by Representative Murphy. He said that the consensus on the boat seemed to more about making small scale trail connections between Abigail Adams State Park and Great Esker Park rather than the connection under RT 3A. He used the wayfinding grant effort as an example.

Mike Doyle said that he recently referred Jim Bennett, of the Sea Scouts, to Jim Clarke regarding the possibility of a marina at King Cove.

Chris Hannan asked about the bike path signage between Abigail Adams State Park and Great Esker Park. Jim Clarke mentioned the Back River Trail report and said that wayfinding signage will be helpful depicting the bike path.

Dan Condon said that his family enjoys using the bike trail in Great Esker Park continuing through the landfill. He also complimented Mike Doyle on the summer recreation programs.

Dan Condon asked about the extent of the Recreation Department's involvement in Flag Football; and how the fields in general are in terrible condition.

Mike Doyle said that we have to figure out a way to rest the fields so that the grass has time to grow and be worked on properly. He said that synthetic turf fields are great and it would be nice to see the Lovell Playground Fields get built.

Jim Clarke said that building synthetic turf fields at Lovell Playground will make managing fields all over town better.

Pat O'Leary asked how many kids participate in the Recreation Department's summer programs and Mike Doyle said 350 kids.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Clarke said that he talked to Bill McKinney, CFO, about the Director of Planning & Community Development approving the invoices the Town receives for CPA funds. He said that getting 5 signatures of the CPC to pay a bill is sometimes difficult. He said that we will continue to bring copies of the approved bills to each meeting for the CPC's review.

Ed Harrington made a MOTION to APPROVE Jim Clarke's request to approve bills and provide the Community Preservation Committee with copies of bills at each meeting. Steve Reilly SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Steve Reilly announced Mike Doyle's recent resignation as Recreation Director. He thanked Mike for his years of service and wished him well; as did the members of the CPC. Mike Doyle will be working for the Town of Walpole.

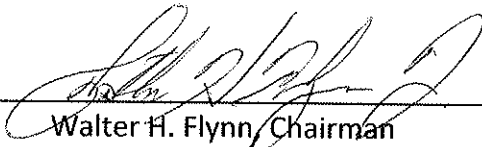
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will be held on Thursday, November 6, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Chris Hannan to ADJOURN and was SECONDED by Steve Reilly. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: _____



Walter H. Flynn, Chairman

Dated: _____

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