

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

October 5, 2017 at 7 PM

Mary McElroy Meeting Room, John F. McCulloch Building, 182 Green Street, Weymouth

MINUTES

PRESENT

Chris Hannan, Chairman  
Dan Condon, Vice Chairman  
George Loring  
Mark Kilban  
Mark Schneider  
Victor Pap

NOT PRESENT

Ed Harrington, Clerk  
Pat O'Leary

ALSO PRESENT

Kate Marshall, Community Development Planner  
Cathy Torrey, Abigail Adams Historical Society

RECORDING SECRETARY

Kate Marshall

CALL TO ORDER

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

REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Chairman Hannan asked Cathy Torrey, of Abigail Adams Historical Society, to please come forward to present the Abigail Adams Historical Society's application for CPA funding.

Mrs. Torrey explained that this funding request, in the amount of \$24,000 was for the preservation and restoration of an 18<sup>th</sup> century - 13 star Flag (\$21,000) and a First Ladies' Sampler (\$3,000). Mrs. Torrey brought both the Flag and the Sampler to the meeting for the committee to see.

Mrs. Torrey stated that Windsor Preservation of Dover, MA, will provide preservation and restoration services for both items. These services include cleaning, material analysis, and repairs. Deidre Windsor is well known and has extensive experience. Windsor Preservation has done restoration work at the MFA and JFK Library; including preservation of a collection of Jackie Kennedy Onassis' clothes. Tufts Library used Windsor Preservation to restore Hannah Vinson's Sampler. Mrs. Torrey said that the preservation of the flag and sampler should be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Mrs. Torrey said that the flag is 39 by 44 inches and is currently mounted to a piece of felt. The felt will be removed from the back of the flag, the flag will be padded, set under glass and framed.

Abigail Adams Historical Society has arranged with the Town Council for the flag to be hung in the Town Council Chambers after it is preserved. It will be hung above the fireplace, opposite Paul Leary's portrait. Mrs. Torrey said that the flag will be a nice addition in the Chambers especially with the Town's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration coming up soon.

The First Ladies' Sampler is a quilt signed by First ladies in 1994. (Lady Bird Johnson, Betty Ford, Roslyn Carter, Nancy Regan, Barbara Bush and Hillary Clinton) Mr. Hannan said that the signatures are original, except for Hillary Clinton's, which is computer generated. Mrs. Torrey said that the names are faded and the sampler should be preserved to save the autographs.

Mrs. Torrey asked if the committee had any questions.

Mr. Schneider asked which province the flag came from. Mrs. Torrey said that it may be the mid-Atlantic region.

Mr. Kilban asked if the items, once placed under glass and framed, remain air tight and oxygen free. Mrs. Torrey said that is true.

Mr. Pap asked if the autographs would get darker after the sampler is restored. Mrs. Torrey didn't think the colors would change significantly.

Mr. Pap said that the restoration and preservation of these items is a great educational tool for kids. Mr. Pap expressed that is wonderful to have something of historical significance that kids can see and touch; so much today is on line. Mr. Pap said that he supports this request. Mr. Hannan echoed Mr. Pap's comments with respect to the educational component.

Kate Marshall asked where the sampler will be displayed after it is preserved. Mrs. Torrey said that it will remain on display at Abigail Adams House. Mrs. Torrey noted that most of the items on display at Abigail Adams House are same period, not necessarily belongings of Abigail Adams.

Kate Marshall also asked if Windsor Preservation would be providing a restoration and preservation summary in the form of a report following the work. Mrs. Torrey said that the Town will receive a report and copies would be made available at the libraries.

Mr. Hannan said that the report is historically valuable because the report speaks to the preservation effort as much as the actual preservation work itself.

One of the members asked if there was a chance that the flag may get damaged when the felt is removed from the back. Mrs. Torrey said that it should be ok.

Mrs. Torrey talked about how preservation methodologies and techniques change over time and what was a good preservation/restoration method in the 1950's may not be a good way to conserve the same item today.

## MOTION

Victor Pap made a **MOTION** to appropriate and fund \$24,000 for the Flag and Sampler Restoration put forward by the Abigail Adams Historical Society, from the Historic Resources Fund Balance Account. Mark Schneider **SECONDED THE MOTION**.

## DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION

No discussion.

MOTION PASSES unanimously. Chris Hannan abstained.

## PROJECT UPDATES

### Osprey Overlook Park

Kate Marshall said that invitations have been mailed for the Dedication Event to be held on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. The committee is invited.

### Whitman's Pond Drawdown Permitting

Kate Marshall said that the Conservation Administrator's update is that the permitting is still going on and that drawdown of the pond will not take place this winter - 2017-2018.

### Herring Run Smelt Restoration – Fish Barrier Project – Lower Jackson Square

Kate Marshall said that the consultant expects to submit the combined Chapter 91 Water Quality Certificate Application to the Town by the end of October. After review, the permit application will get submitted to the appropriate environmental agencies. In May of 2017, \$600,000 was approved by the Town Council for construction.

### Puritan Road Culvert

Kate Marshall said that the project will be out to bid for construction at the end of October. Additionally, DPW Engineering is waiting to receive a signed Chapter 91 Permit from the state.

### Daylighting in the Landing

Kate Marshall said that EBI is working on the design and permitting of the Smelt Run at the former location of the Brick Grill. The project includes a viewing area, landscaping, a walkway and some benches.

### Housing Production Plan

Kate Marshall said that the next and final public meeting for input on the Town's goals and strategies for housing will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the High School. The committee is invited.

### King Oak Hill Park

Kate Marshall said that 5 bids for the parking, trails, pavilion and bathrooms were received last week. Shadley Associates has made a recommendation to the Town. Bob Luongo, Director of Planning, and John MacLeod, Director of Asset Management, are meeting with the contractor tomorrow before executing a contract.

**Veteran's Wall Preservation**

Kate Marshall said that construction is underway, the construction sign is installed, and a dedication event is planned for Veteran's Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hannan said that George Pontes, Veteran's Administrator, asked him to speak at the event on behalf of the CPC.

**Pond Meadow Park**

Kate Marshall said that she spoke to Sean Cleaves at Pond Meadow Park and he said that the trail work is expected this fall. The Town of Braintree's sidewalk contractor will be performing the work. This is a collaborative effort between Weymouth and Braintree's CPC's along with a state grant to improve the asphalt trails in both towns at Pond Meadow Park.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

MINUTES

Dan Condon made a MOTION to approve the minutes of September 7, 2017. George Loring SECONDED the motion. The minutes were UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will be held on November 2, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:40 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by George Loring to ADJOURN. The motion was SECONDED by Victor Pap. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: November 2, 2017