

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
April 6, 2017  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Christopher Hannan, Chairman  
Dan Condon, Vice Chairman  
George Loring  
Mark Kilban  
Mark Schneider  
Victor Pap

**NOT PRESENT:** Pat O’Leary  
Ed Harrington

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robert Luongo, Director Planning & Development  
Kate Marshall, Economic Planning & Development

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Christine Malloy

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

**VETERAN’S MEMORIAL WALL RESTORATION**

Ted Langill, Chief of Staff  
George Ponce, Director of Veterans’ Services

Mr. Ted Langill stated he is here tonight on behalf of Mayor Hedlund to request funding for \$800,000 for the restoration of the Weymouth Veteran’s Memorial Wall. The Veteran’s Memorial Wall is located in Weymouth’s Historic Civic Center District at the Ralph Talbot Amphitheater, adjacent to Town Hall.

The first draft of this request was for repairs. Soon it was clear “repairs” wouldn’t do the trick. Mr. Langill stated he is here tonight for a request for a full restoration of the Veteran’s Memorial Wall.

Should the Community Preservation Committee vote to recommend this request to the Mayor and a measure be voted favorably by the Town Council; the work is scheduled to commence on June 1, 2017 and be completed by September 30, 2017. The intent is to have construction take place between Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day.

Mr. George Ponce stated the Veteran’s Memorial Wall is singular in Weymouth, a piece of living history.

A gentleman called recently and asked if his brother's name could be added to the roster, both his brother and his sister and he had all served and only two of the names were currently on the wall. Veteran's Services confirmed the person's services and added the name to the wall. The family was honored to have the man's name included, recognized and added to the permanent roster at the Veteran's Memorial Wall. The families' 100 year old mother who had raised all three of these children still lives in Weymouth and visits the wall frequently is honored.

The Town of Weymouth has 5 Medal of Honor recipients, a unique distinction, are now also represented by plaques citing their specific acts of bravery that earned them their nation's highest award.

Please support any action that can be taken to restore and rehabilitate our Veterans Memorial Wall to a condition befitting the legacy it wears proudly for the community.

Chairman Hannan thanked Mr. Ponce for his nice words.

Mr. Loring asked does this request go out to bid and did any Veteran owned companies bid on the project. Mr. Langill stated when it goes out to bid anyone can bid on it.

Mr. Schneider asked what is the mechanism by which names are added to the wall.

Mr. Ponce gave the criteria:

1. Must have served active duty in a conflict
2. Must have returned to Weymouth from active duty or left from Weymouth
3. Must have served with honorably duty

Mr. Schneider asked is there any more room on the wall. Mr. Ponce stated yes, on the back side of the wall. The names have not been added because they would like to add them at once and in some sort of order. Veterans Association has not closed current conflicts; there has been an ongoing conflict since 1990. There have been 460 names to be added since the Gulf War.

Mr. Condon stated this is a great project and thank you for your work. Does the condition of the wall present you for adding the names? Mr. Ponce stated they have been waiting to see what happens with the wall and the current state of conflicts.

Mr. Condon stated he is split between this being a historic or a preservation project. The wall has a preservation restriction designation on it.

Mr. Condon asked the access way between Town Hall and the Memorial Wall which will now be ADA compliant, can you describe please. Mr. Langill stated he is looking into upgrading the whole horseshoe area in front of Abigail Adams Middle School to look better than it is now for better access to the Veterans Memorial Wall and Abigail Adams Middle School.

Mr. Condon asked to please advertise that the Veterans Memorial Wall restoration was funded by CPC. There was discussion about a construction sign and a permanent sign acknowledging the use of CPA funds during and following the restoration effort.

Mr. Kilban asked was there an estimate done in years past. Mr. Langill stated not to his knowledge but water is the main culprit.

Mr. Schneider is there an overhead standard. Mr. Luongo stated there must be.

Mr. Pap stated he appreciated the presentation.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Frank Burke

Former Director of Veterans' Services and Member of Veteran's Council

Mr. Frank Burke stated there was major work done on the wall back when Peg Goudy was in government. The Town used to sell engraved bricks, those bricks are in front of the wall on the walkway. There is actually a restriction on the bricks; no regular bricks must be engraved.

Chairman Hannan stated this is a fantastic project. Chairman Hannan asked Mr. Ponce when you add names to the wall is there a ceremony? Mr. Ponce stated yes they tie it in with Veteran's Day.

Mr. Ponce stated the Veterans Office is still gathering names from hostile conflicts of 9/11.

Mr. Pap made a MOTION to APPROPRIATE and fund \$213,792.00 from the Historic Resources Fund Balance (4906-321005) and \$586,207.00 from the Unreserved Fund Balance (4906-321001) for the preservation of the Veteran's Memorial Wall in the amount of \$800,000.00 as described in the request as presented. Mr. Condon SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **OPEN MEETING LAW**

Chairman Hannan asked all members to hand in their training certificates to Kate Marshall today.

#### **THIS PROJECT FUNDED by CPC SIGNS**

Mr. Condon stated he would like more advertisements for CPC funded projects. He would like to see them at all project sites that were funded by CPC; a permanent sign. Mr. Luongo stated he will look into how other communities have handled it and get back to CPC. Chairman Hannan

stated he would like to see pictures of the finished projects on the CPC website saying funded by CPC

## **PROJECT UPDATES**

### Back River Osprey

The contract has been awarded, came in \$370,000 lower than they thought.

### Whitman's Pond

Permit and draw down scheduled for November 2017 through January 2018, down 5 feet. The West Cove and the South Cove would not respond to drawdown so dredging will be done there.

### Puritan Road Culvert

Nick Bullens spoke with Coastal Zone Management; construction is estimated at \$600,000.

### Weymouth Public Libraries

Finished with digitalization of 16 items.

### Housing Production Plan

The town has hired a consultant to obtain data.

### King Oak Hill (formerly Emery Estate)

Construction plans are on schedule.

### Lane Beach

The project to connect the old beach to the new beach via a boardwalk/walkway has been approved and the grant was received. It's a restoration of embankment and enhancement project.

### Daylighting Weymouth Landing

The daylighting has been relocated to the Weymouth side of Weymouth Landing. With the help of the Weymouth Redevelopment Authority funding and Community Preservation Committee funding the work on the daylighting will begin in the fall of 2017.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 7, 2016 have been tabled.

Mr. Condon made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of January 12, 2017. Mr. Kilban SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Condon made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of February 2, 2017. Mr. Kilban SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Pap made a MOTION to NOMINATE Ms. O'Leary. Mr. Condon SECONDED the NOMINATION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED; Ms. Pat O'Leary as Representative of Community Preservation Act.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will be held on May 4, 2017.

Mr. Pap made a MOTION to ADJOURN at 8:00PM. Mr. Condon SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Hannan, Chairman

Dated: May 4, 2017