

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS

May 7, 2015

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

MINUTES

PRESENT

Daniel Condon, Vice Chairman  
Chris Hannan, Clerk  
Ed Harrington  
Helen Maloney  
Karen Johnston  
Pat O'Leary  
Don Mathewson

NOT PRESENT

Walter Flynn, Chairman  
George Loring

ALSO PRESENT

Jim Clarke, Director of Planning & Community  
Development  
Kate Marshall, Community Development Planner

RECORDING SECRETARY

Kate Marshall

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

PROJECT UPDATES

Vice Chairman Condon invited Jim Clarke to present the status of the Community Preservation Act funded projects currently underway.

Tufts Library

Jim Clarke said that he submitted a measure request to the Mayor on behalf of the CPC for the request to conserve and digitize the Libraries' Historical Collections in the amount of \$31,000. Since this budget season has been busy, the request for funding will be presented at an upcoming Town Council meeting – date not yet determined.

Former Kibby Property

Jim Clarke said that ICON parks design is currently working on the Notice of Intent submittal to the Conservation Commission. He said that the Saltwater Creek owners will be notified through the con-com process. Chris Hannon asked if the Town is planning on having a conservation restriction placed on the property. Jim Clarke said that DCR put a conservation restriction on the property when the land was purchased.

### Bradford Hawes Park

Kate Marshall said that the final items include; seal coating of the 2 courts, the lighting along the pedestrian walkway and the entrance sign. The lighting is currently out to public bid and the court and sign work will be completed in the coming weeks. A celebration event will be planned for sometime in July.

### Back River Trail

Jim Clarke explained that the original application for grant funding was approved by the state over 2 years ago and the Town is waiting on approval from the National Parks Service. Nick Bulens, Grant Writer, continues to check the status of the application regularly. Dan Condon suggested reaching out to Congressman Lynch's office to help speed up the timeframe.

### Emery Estate

Jim Clarke said that he is working on developing an RFP for organizations interested in managing the property. He hopes to have a draft of the RFP for the Emery Estate Advisory Committee to review soon.

### Legion Field

Jim Clarke said that the Mayor presented a debt exclusion over ride proposal and the Town Council asked the Mayor to present an operational over ride proposal instead. Jim Clarke said that the measure request for \$640,000 from CPA for Legion Field was withdrawn along with the Host Community Agreement fund proposal. He said that the Administration, School Committee and Town Council are currently having discussions and reviewing options with regard to the budget. Presently, the financing is set up in a way such that the bond payment for Legion Field will take up all of the projected meals tax revenue. Jim Clarke said that the construction is approximately 90% complete and a re-dedication celebration is being planned for June 20, 2015 from 2-6 PM. The Mayor's Committee is working with the Weymouth Hall of Fame Committee on fundraising and participation. The event will include the Super Bowl trophy, Malcolm Butler, soccer and tennis exhibitions, re-dedication of the Harry Arlanson plaque, music, a fill the field photo and more.

### Lovell Playground

Activitas is presenting the Notice of Intent to the Conservation Commission sometime this month. Improvements to the Herring Run, storm water management and riverfront are included.

### Abigail Adams Birthplace

Chris Hannon said that upcoming projects will include installing air conditioning and some lighting.

### Preservation of the Smith Stones

Jim Clarke said that the work is completed. Chris Hannon asked if the Town received a final report. Kate Marshall said that the report was never received and the Town held back \$500. Chris Hannon said that the preservation report is an important piece of the history of the

stones. Jim Clarke agreed and said that the conservator, Marking Burials, has been difficult to work with. Pat O'Leary suggested reaching out to Paula Mine and Marking Burials one final time before closing the project out.

Weymouth Housing Authority

Jim Clarke said that the requests for funding put forward by the Housing Authority at the May meeting are on hold. He said that Kate Marshall has had discussions with the Community Preservation Coalition regarding the proposed projects at the WHA administrative building. Since housing is not being created or improved; work on the office is ineligible. Helen Maloney suggested reaching out to the Housing Authority. Jim Clarke said that he will set up another meeting with Mike Flaherty to review the generator request at J. Crehan and the request for cameras at Lakeview Manor. Jim Clarke hopes that Mike Gallagher and the police department may be able to assist the WHA in choosing cameras that tie into the police department.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Clarke said that there has been some interest from the public to memorialize items at Legion Field (ie. the concession stand, benches, tennis nets, etc.) Jim Clarke suggested that rather than memorializing individual items, having a benefactor's plaque on the site may be a better way to recognize the generosity of donors. He also mentioned that the Recreation Commission may be best suited to review such requests.

MINUTES

Karen Johnston made a MOTION to approve the minutes of April 2, 2015. Chris Hannon SECONDED the motion. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 PM, there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Chris Hannan to ADJOURN and was SECONDED by Karen Johnston. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by:                     *David Slush*                    

Dated:                     *August 6, 2015*