

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
RECORD OF MINUTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
March 26, 2014  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Walter Flynn, Chairman  
Donald Mathewson  
Ed Harrington  
Steve Reilly  
Christopher Hannan, Clerk  
Dan Condon, Vice Chairman  
Helen Maloney

**NOT PRESENT:** George Loring  
Pat O'Leary

**ALSO PRESENT:** James Clarke, Director of Planning and Community  
Development  
Kate Marshall, Community Development Planner

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Christine Callbeck

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

**WEYMOUTH RECREATION PROJECT REQUEST  
IN-LINE HOCKEY RINK INSTALLATION AT STELLA TIRRELL PARK**

Mr. Reilly stated this request was received by the Weymouth Recreation Advisory Committee at its last meeting after it was identified as a need in the Town. In the past few meetings members came up with design ideas. This project did not come up on the plan for meals tax funding items.

Mr. Clarke stated the Town had already planned to do improvements at Stella Tirrell Park, but after the discussions on Legion Field and Lovell Playground the idea of an in-line hockey rink at Stella Tirrell was raised. The concept included side boards and nets to be installed and repairs to the current tennis court surface and improvement to the existing pavement area. Legion Field will have five tennis courts and Weymouth High School has tennis courts so the elimination of the unused tennis courts at Stella Tirrell should not be problematic. In addition to the proposed improvement at the tennis courts, the stone entrance to the park at Union Street will be repaired. Mayor Kay is in support of Weymouth Recreation Advisory Committee moving forward with this request.

Mark Kilbin  
12 Clinton Road

Dan McGloughlin

Mike Glavin  
Katherine Road

Mr. Kilbin stated he finds he has to take his son to other towns to skate outside. He recently put the in-line hockey rink design plans on the Weymouth Youth Hockey web site and got good responses.

Chairman Flynn asked what the skate park intentions at Lovell Playground are. Mr. Clarke stated currently there is a skate park, tennis courts and basketball courts. All are not in good shape; plan is to remove all, bring road in off of the street and this location will become a parking area.

Ms. Maloney stated she likes the idea of an in-line hockey rink; can it be built so that it can be flooded in the winter for iceskating? Mr. Clarke stated he has spoken with Mr. McCloud and he will look into the financial aspects and pros and cons of making the rink floodable.

Mr. Hannan, Mr. Flynn and Ms. Maloney all stated they are all in favor of seeing the in-line hockey rink built to its fullest capacity including options to flood and freeze for ice skating in winter months.

Mr. Condon asked the staff how the Town will notify neighbors about this proposal. Chairman Flynn stated he would like to see this rink lighted.

Mr. Clarke stated the current design plans do not include flooding or lighting; therefore, notice to neighbors is not necessary. Additionally, any improvements to the current status of Stella Tirrell Park can only improve the current situation at the park.

Mr. Clarke stated time is of the essence here. He would like to see favorable action on this proposal this evening so as to move the work along in a timely manner.

Mr. Harrington stated it is not difficult to retrofit with lighting at a later date should the Town decide it necessary to light the rink.

Mr. Harrington made a MOTION for POSITIVE ACTION on IN-LINE HOCKEY RINK PROPOSAL as presented by the Weymouth Recreation Advisory Committee in the amount of \$50,000 to be taken from the Unrestricted Fund Balance. Ms. Maloney SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**WEYMOUTH HISTORICAL COMMISSION REQUEST FOR RESTORATION OF  
WEYMOUTH DUGOUT CANOE**

Ed Walker  
20 Rosemary Lane

Rod Lundeen  
30 Linden Place

Brandon DuFresne  
637 Pierce

Erika Dolon

Mr. Walker, Chairman of the Weymouth Historical commission stated the Weymouth Dugout Canoe was found in 1965 and preserved to the best standards back in that day. Currently, the condition of the canoe is such that it requires preservation work in order to keep the canoe from further decay and use.

Mr. DuFresne stated he has professionally examined the canoe and feels it requires conservation to preserve it.

Proposed treatment for identified problems with dugout canoe (mishoon):

1. The two cracks will need to be stabilized. Injections of hide glue into the cracks will stop further breakdown and a custom-made foam cradle will have to be created; one that runs the length of the entire vessel.
2. The Vessel will have to be cleaned. Start with a vacuum screen dust removal then a hand padded Orvus cleaning (using distilled water at controlled levels).
3. A viewing case will be made to control the environmental conditions. The case will be air tight, filled with argon gas, with an intake regulator that will allow for future adding of argon. The case will not need a temperature control, due to the argon, but will have a read-out that will display temperature and humidity just in case of any future issues. The glass will be a 1/8" plexiglas that will have UV protection.
4. Client has asked if a working door and a small step can be added to the existing display case.

The preservation work proposed for the canoe will be provided by a firm called Found Legends Restoration and the estimated amount for the work is \$9,185.

Mr. Hannan stated he would like to have a report prepared by the consultant with the list of findings and photos of before and after and specific directions on how to treat the canoe going forward. Mr. DuFresne stated his company, Found Legends Restoration gives exactly all of this information with its work. Additionally, Mr. DuFresne stated the Town can feel free to video tape him and his team working on the canoe.

Mr. DuFresne suggested lighting slips be added to the current UV lighting that is directed onto the canoe presently. This suggestion is not part of the funding request.

Mr. Clarke and Mr. Walker stated a video with details on how the canoe was found and how the canoe was preserved in 1965; how the case was built by high school students should all be documented including this preservation act now.

Mr. Hannan made a MOTION for FAVORABLE ACTION on the request for funding for the WEYMOUTH DUGOUT CANOE in the amount of \$9,185 from Historic Resources Fund. Mr. Condon SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ms. Marshall stated the Planning Department received a letter from Pat O'Leary as Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees in support of this funding request.

Letter read as follows:

*Dear Chairman Flynn and Members of the Community Preservation Committee:*

*On behalf of the Weymouth Board of Library Trustees, I am writing to lend our full support to the application for Community Preservation funds from the Weymouth Historical Commission for the conservation of the nearly 600 year-old dugout canoe currently housed at Tufts Library.*

*Besides being an artifact of national significance, the dugout canoe is a teaching tool for hundreds of people who annually visit Tufts Library. Every year during private tours of the Weymouth Museum, the Weymouth Historical Society teaches all third grade students about history related to the dugout canoe, i.e. Native people's cultures and folkways. In addition, visitors from around the region and from out of state make Tufts Library a special destination on their itineraries so they can view one of Weymouth's most important treasures.*

*We urge you to enthusiastically support the application of the Weymouth Historical Commission to conserve this connection to Weymouth's early history. The canoe is unique to Weymouth and our neighboring communities of Quincy and Braintree which lack any equally significant relics from that period.*

*Sincerely,*

*Patricia O'Leary, Chairman  
Board of Library Trustees*

## PROJECT UPDATES

### Abigail Adams Birthplace

Mr. Clarke stated there is still work to be done. Mr. Hannan stated the ramp at the back of building and the air conditioning still need to be done.

### Whitman's Pond

Mr. Clarke stated Mary Ellen Schloss is working on the RFP to get the consultant.

### Kibby Parcel

Mr. Clarke stated he hopes to finish this work and tie the parcel into the Abigail Adams State Park.

### Fogg Library

Mr. Clarke stated the soft opening is scheduled for April 28, 2014. There is another event, a ticket event on April 23, 2014 to benefit the Friends of the Library. The big opening is scheduled for late May/early June 2014.

### Emery Estate

Mr. Clarke stated this project is currently on hold. The subcommittee met last week. There are events that will be occurring at the estate over the summer. Mr. Condon stated if people want to hold private events with less than 50 people they should submit a letter requesting the space to Mayor Kay. The estate can accommodate 10-20 events with less than 50 people at each event over the summer months. The subcommittee has decided it wants to advertise the use of the estate grounds and obtain learning lessons from rental experiences. If anyone asks CPC members how to rent the estate, the answer is to send request to Mayor Kay using an Event Request Form.

### Smith Gravestones

Mr. Clarke stated the stones are 85% complete; waiting on weather.

### Pond Plain

Ms. Marshall stated waiting on weather for this project. Roof and front work are done; applied for CDBG funds for elevator.

Weymouth Housing Authority

South Shore Day Care building needs to be torn down.

Legion Field/Lovell Playground

Mr. Clarke stated the Town held the 75% design plans meeting on March 5, 2014. Hope to go out to bid on project for Legion Field by end of April. Lovell Playground is on hold awaiting a funding source.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Hannan invited all members to attend the Abigail Adams Historical Society's Women's History talk in the Council Chambers on March 28, 2014 at 7:00pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will be held on May 1, 2014 at 7:00PM.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Condon made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of December 9, 2013. Mr. Harrington SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Condon made a MOTION to APPROVE the minutes of February 6, 2014. Mr. Harrington SECONDED the MOTION. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:20P.M., there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Mr. Condon to ADJOURN and SECONDED by Mr. Hannan. It was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Walter H. Flynn, Jr., Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
5/1/14