

## **Town of Sharon**



### **Community Preservation Committee**

**Minutes of 2/3/2021**

**Meeting held virtually using ZOOM**

#### **Committee Attendees**

Corey Snow, Chair	Marc Bluestein	Keevin Geller
Eli Hauser	Rob Maidman	Susan Jo Rich - absent
Susan Saunders		

#### **Other Attendees**

Pat Achorn, Jack Yee, A. Rashid, Tony Kopacz, Paul Lauenstein, Linda, Berger, Ian Lacy, Gary Bluestein, Nick Schlierf, Colin Barbera

#### **Meeting Initiation**

Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and introduced all of the CPC members. He provided a quick recap of last season. He stated last year there was \$687,000 in revenue. \$45,000 was allocated for engineering and design at Mann's Pond from the historical category. \$35,202 was allocated for a wind screen through the open space category. \$295,000 for lights at Ames Street from the recreation category was not approved at Town Meeting. Field A conversion renovation from SYBSA for \$32,000 was approved. \$25,000 for the Jenks Fountain from the historical category was approved. The fiscal year ended with remaining balances in each of the categories.

Chair Snow commented that there are no requirements that all funds must be spent. We have the ability to keep balances.

Mr. Hauser asked what we do with all the historical resources. Chair Snow said it is up to the CPC as we do not have a lot of historical buildings maintained by the town. In the past we have provided for the library. Mr. Hauser stated that if we run out of money to spend how can we direct historic funds to other categories given we have \$727,083.37.

Mr. Maidman asked if the train station would qualify as historical and Chair Snow said yes as in the past we provided funds for the historic pumping station. By the next meeting he said we will have a more detailed report from the treasurer. He stated that it is a new year and we need to talk about the future.

### **Community Preservation Project Requests**

Project #1 - Paul Lauenstein of 4 Gavin's Pond Road presented a project to improve the condition of the soccer fields at East and the Middle School as they do not drain well. The request is for \$35,000 for 40 tons of sand at each field. It is a permanent improvement to enhance permeability.

Ian Lacy said the average dimension is 1.75 acres per field. He said linear sand ejection and secondary field drainage will improve playing surfaces; it will improve performance of the surfaces. This operation is crucial to improving the potential of the fields. He said that Kevin Webber is on board with this approach. There is a specific need to do this and it will be a permanent fixture once installed. No seeding is needed and there is little damage to the turf surface. It would cost \$150,000 - \$200,000 per field to rehabilitate and you would lose a season and a half of play. This is a one-time improvement.

Chair Snow said this needs to be turned into a formal application by next meeting.

Project #2 - Tony Kopacz, Facilities Director, Sharon Public Schools came before the CPC to discuss resurfacing the Heights playground with a rubber surface. He wants to install a rubber safety surface around the swing set and playground area. It will be 2,500 square feet of excavation around the swings and 5,000 square feet around the playground. They would change the existing wood chips to rubber as there is no ease of access for wheel chairs or walkers. The goal is to make it safe. The approximate cost is \$161,000.

Chair Snow said that in terms of allowability to use CPC funds for playgrounds it is an allowed use. He suggested turning it into a formal submission to be put in front of the board.

Project #3 - Jack Yee came to the CPC to discuss the creation of Pickle Ball courts. This project was deferred from last year. The area near Deborah Sampson tennis courts is where they want to build 4 courts. They held a pledge drive and raised \$100,000. So now they will be adding enhancements such as benches inside the courts, and an outdoor cabana for resting. This is now a larger scope but will be asking for \$100,000 which has a 20% contingency built in. The pledge monies would be used prior to the CPC monies.

Project #4 - The Recreation Department is requesting a tennis rally wall at a cost of \$15,283. After a discussion with the CPC the proponent said they want to increase the proposal to two rally walls and will update the proposal.

Project #5 - Linda Berger, Director of the Recreation Department proposed a project to hire a consultant to create a comprehensive plan for the town regarding assessing resources/assets for fields. The cost is \$40- \$50 thousand dollars to create a Master Plan. Ms. Berger said that this would be a 3rd party review which is an objective view and shows how we can reallocate what we have in town. Mr. Bluestein commented that they had done open space plan but not a concentration on athletic fields. They are trying to maximize facilities.

### **Other**

Pat Achorn introduced herself as the Finance Committee liaison to the CPC. She said she will be the CPC advocate to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Hauser said in the past a study had been done for bicycle parking and a bicycle path. He will look for these and distribute to the committee.

The Community Preservation Coalition invoice in the amount of \$2,875 was approved by the committee for payment.

### **Minutes**

Mr. Maidman moved and Mr. Geller seconded the motion to approve the 5/10/20 minutes. The Committee voted 5-0-1 in favor of approval.

### **Next Meeting Dates**

2/17, 3/3, 3/17

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Hauser moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Geller seconded the motion. The Committee voted 6-0-0 in favor of adjourning at 9:08 PM