

Town of Sharon
Community Preservation Committee
Minutes of 3/9/16
Sharon Town Hall
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Committee Attendees

Corey Snow, Chair	Jane Desberg, Treasurer absent
Marc Bluestein	Keevin Geller
Eli Hauser	Ben Pinkowitz

Others

Peter O'Cain	Christine Kasparian
Lance DelPriore	

Meeting Initiation

Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM

Historic Wall Repair 5 Brook Road at North Main, 83 North Main and 79 North Main Street

Peter O'Cain came before the Board with a proposal for repair to an historical wall with a cost estimate of \$136,000. This project was presented last year but no action was taken by the CPC. The wall has since collapsed in several areas and repair is required. It is a safety hazard to pedestrians and may cause property damage to abutting properties by allowing earthen slopes to fail. The DPW is requesting the funds under the historic category to pay for all required construction work related to the project. The Historic Commission has deemed this wall historic. A conversation ensued.

Mr. Hauser moved to approve appropriating \$136,000 under the historic category to enable Town Engineer Peter O'Cain to put this project out to bid and this project will be recommended by the CPC to Town Meeting. Mr. Pinkowitz seconded the motion and the Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval. This is the first vote.

Hammershop Pond

Mr. O'Cain updated the Committee by stating the project is going out to bid in June with work starting in August when the water levels are low. In addition a platform will be built that is handicap accessible.

One School Street Project

This application has been withdrawn. The Selectmen want to determine best course of action for this property.

Ames Playground

Ms. Kasparian attended the meeting and provided the Committee with several answers to questions previously posed. The base she said is 100% bonded rubber which is ADA compliant. In addition she met with the Eagle Scouts and they will be assisting with some of the work to reduce costs. They will construct ADA compliant picnic tables and will help install the engineered wood. She anticipates the \$221,999 proposed cost will be reduced based on their work.

Chair Snow read an email from Ms. Desberg which suggests that Steve Savran from friends with the playground be contacted for his historical knowledge. Ms. Kasparian agreed to do so.

Mr. Hauser moved to approve the Ames playground project to repair and replace existing playground equipment in the amount of \$222,000. Mr. Bluestein seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval and recommendation to Town Meeting. This is the first vote.

New Field Project – Gavins Pond

Peter O'Cain stated that he has been in contact with Natural Heritage regarding the property and there is an endangered species of butterflies in this area. If they allow this use for a field then an amount of land needs to be set aside by the Town for the species. Mr. O'Cain said that the Water Department has land to provide that would not impact the Town. The State will determine how big the field can be.

The Committee before voting would like to see, long form plan, other contributors, total budget and timeline. Ms. Levitts will email Mr. Heitin and Ms. Barnes for this information.

Restoration of Veterans Monuments

No action taken. Ms. Levitts to email Mr. Bergeron to determine if he was able to obtain a price quote.

Budgetary Articles for Town Meeting

1. Mr. Hauser moved and Mr. Pinkowitz seconded the motion to appropriate \$20,000 to the general category for the CPC operations budget. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval and recommendation to Town Meeting. This is the first vote.
2. Chair Snow moved and Mr. Hauser seconded the motion to set aside 10% of revenue for fiscal year 2017 for each of the required categories: Open Space, Historic Resources, Community Housing and Fund Balance Reserve. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval and recommendation to Town Meeting. This is the first vote.

Minutes

Vote on 1/28/16 deferred until 3/14/16 meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Hauser moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Mr. Geller seconded the motion and the Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor.