

**Town of Sharon
Community Preservation Committee
Meeting Minutes
2/27/14
Approved on 3/13/14
Sharon Town Hall
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Committee Attendees

Corey Snow, Chair - absent	Jane Desberg, Treasurer
Keevin Geller - absent	Susan Rich - absent
Stephen Rabinovitz	Anne Bingham
Marc Bluestein	

Others

Gordon Gladstone	Ralph Generoso
Eddie Little	Peter Melvin
Rob Maidman	Marilyn Stewart
Ed Little	Gary Bluestein
Amanda Levasseur	

Meeting Initiation

Ms. Desberg called the meeting to order and read the Chair's Report.

Sharon Housing Authority CPA Application

Ms. Desberg said that the Housing Authority is asking the CPC for \$110,000 for replacement windows at Hixson Farm Road. They need to replace the existing 40 year old casement windows with double hung windows in two 12 unit apartment buildings. Each building contains 63 windows. She said they would put this out to bid if they receive the approval of the CPC in advance of Town Meeting.

Ms. Desberg commented that the fuel and heating in these buildings is electric.

Mr. Rabinovitz suggested looking into a heat pump that will heat for cold temperatures.

Ms. Bingham asked if the windows are sliders.

Ms. Desberg said they are casements. The new windows would come with screens.

Ms. Bingham suggested they incorporate a 10% contingency in their application request instead of 5%.

Ms. Desberg said that a project manager from DHCD would be on site when the project begins.

A discussion ensued.

Ms. Bingham moved that the CPC approve the application dated 2/12/14 from the Sharon Housing Authority for replacement of 120 windows, in the amount of \$116,000 in buildings 5 and 6. Mr. Rabinovitz seconded the motion and the Committee voted 4-0-0 in favor of this project.

Community Center Gateway Application

Ms. Desberg said that it needs to be determined what category the funding for the Gateway could come from. She said she had a conversation with Stuart Saginor of the CPA and said he said the gate is not historic in nature but could be built as part of the rehabilitation of a park in the recreation category. The CPC needs to determine this. A brief conversation ensued.

No vote was taken.

Pergola at Community Center

Gordon Gladstone presented the application for the Pergola for the Community Center. Mr. Gladstone is on the Executive Board of the Council on Aging. He said the application is requesting funding for a Pergola to be put on the backside of the Community Center. They cannot make use of the back because it's concrete. It is extremely hot in the summer. He said there is no sense of coordinated space. They are pursuing the erection of a pergola on site. They need to go out and bid the furnishing and erection of this structure.

He said it would be used for seniors and the children at the summer camp program during lunch.

Mr. Gladstone said they are still trying to determine the best location for the pergola.

Mr. Rabinovitz asked how much heat they are trying to mitigate to draw people.

Mr. Gladstone said they have talked about putting ivy around it or lattice on top. They want to make it maintenance free and that is why they are focusing on redwood.

Mr. Bluestein asked about using teak. Mr. Maidman said teak is 25 – 30% more costly.

Mr. Bluestein asked if the company they spoke with are using grade B fallen trees. Mr. Gladstone said that the company focuses on sustainability.

Ms. Desberg commented that a pergola will diffuse the sun.

Mr. Rabinovitz asked how time will be allocated between the senior center and the recreation department needs.

Norma Fitzgerald of the senior center said she coordinates with Amanda Levasseur of the recreation department. The camp program would use the space in the early morning and the seniors later on.

Ms. Bingham commented that the pergola would add dimension to the concrete slab.

Mr. Gladstone said that this would be a substantial structure in context of the concrete pad that exists.

Mr. Maidman said he thought the pergola would make the property more inviting. The back side never got attention and he said it needs to be made more attractive. There are a lot of birds and wildlife out back. The objective of the request is to utilize space to invite people to experience something they have not experienced before.

Ms. Bingham moved that the CPC recommend to Town Meeting to allocate \$40,000 to the Sharon Council on Aging for construction of a pergola. The funds to be used should come from the Recreation and Open Space categories. Mr. Bluestein seconded the motion and the Committee voted 4-0-0 in favor.

Library Project

No discussion. To be addressed at next meeting.

Rattlesnake Hill

Ms. Bingham commented that Brickstone came before the Planning Board for an informal discussion. She said they would be coming to the CPC but need to finalize some preparatory information. A brief conversation ensued.

The application presentation is on hold until a future meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Ms. Bingham moved to approve the meeting minutes of 1/30/14 as submitted. Mr., Rabinovitz seconded the motion and the Committee voted 4-0-0 in favor.

Chair Snow said there is nothing official to discuss.

Next Meeting

3/13/14

Adjournment

Ms. Bingham moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Ms. Desberg seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0-0 in favor of adjourning.