

Town of Sharon



Community Preservation Committee

Minutes of 3/30/2020

Meeting held virtually using ZOOM

Committee Attendees

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

Other Attendees

Peter O'Cain, Linda Berger, Gary Bluestein, Eric Hooper, Alan Westman, Mike Berry from Musco, Bob Lee, Matt Conway

Meeting Initiation

Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. He provided the audience with a screen shot of the town CPA revenues and state matches as provided by the Town Treasurer. He said it is important to understand that when appropriating to fiscal 2021 Rattle Snake Hill's interest alone is \$99,000. The debt was formally issued and the payments for the municipal bonding are amortized. A discussion regarding available balances ensued. The Committee agreed they need to air on the side of caution when deciding on project expenses.

Project # 1 - Mann's Pond Dam Trails

Mr. Geller commented that all land in this area was deeded to the Conservation Commission and that the Conservation Commission needs more details and to see a plan. Mr. Hooper commented that the Town is the lead owner of the project. A conversation regarding this project and funding ensued.

Mr. O'Cain said that the full funding for the project would be \$297,000 for construction and design. He said that for design engineering work only it would be \$67,500 in anticipation of funding the entire project in a subsequent year. He said then he can go to the Conservation Commission once he has a plan. This is historic restoration on the stone work for preventative maintenance.

Mr. Maidman moved to allocate \$72,500 for engineering and design services for the Mann's Pond Restoration taking funds from the existing historical reserves. Ms. Saunders seconded the motion. Chair Snow commented that he would like to fund the entire project as did Ms. Saunders. Mr. Hauser said he would like to see the project staged. The Committee voted 6-0-0 to allocate the \$72,500 for the engineering design work and then Mr. O'Cain can have a design plan to share with the Conservation Commission.

Project # 2 - Pickle Ball Courts

Ms. Berger said that this project should be deferred to next year.

Project # 3 - Rally Wall/Fencing for Tennis Courts

Linda Berger, Recreation Director said that the tennis wall can be deferred until next year but the wind screens are important for this year. She said the cost for this would be \$35,202 instead of the original requested \$50,265.60.

Mr. Bluestein moved that the CPC appropriate \$35,202 for wind screens for the tennis courts. The funds are to be appropriated from open space reserves and undesignated funds. Mr. Maidman seconded the motion.

The Committee held a discussion and then Mr. Bluestein withdrew the motion and vote and the Committee deferred this decision to the next meeting.

Project # 4 - Ames Street Lights

Linda Berger, Recreation Director along with Bob Lee and Matt Conway said the whole complex project could be phased. A discussion of placement of light poles ensued with different options being provided. Ms. Berger said she needs to work on a new cost proposal as the scope is reduced. Lighting for two fields would be desirable but perhaps they can request one field to be lighted and lay the groundwork for the second field. No vote was taken as the Committee awaits a new cost estimate.

Project #5 - Field A Conversion Renovation

Alan Westman from SYBSA provided a project update to state they are asking for \$31,988 for the project to be completed and provide stand-alone value. The entire project would cost \$56,988 with \$25,000 provided by SYBSA resulting in the \$31,988 request. The Committee deferred a decision on the project until the costs for the lights at Ames Street are finalized.

Project # 6 - Historic Henry Jenks Fountain

The Committee had no additional questions regarding this project. Mr. Geller said it was a well-founded project. He moved to approve \$25,000 for the Jenks Fountain Project from the CPA

Historical Reserves for restoration of the sitting fountain. Mr. Hauser seconded the motion. The Committee voted 6-0-0 in favor of approval of \$25,000 for this project.

Next Meeting Dates

4/6

Minutes

Deferred

Adjournment

Mr. Hauser moved to close the meeting and Mr. Maidman seconded the motion. The Committee voted 6-0-0 in favor of adjourning at 9:47 PM