

Town of Sharon



Community Preservation Committee

Minutes of 3/3/2021

Meeting held virtually using ZOOM

Committee Attendees

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| Corey Snow, Chair | Marc Bluestein | Keevin Geller |
| Eli Hauser | Rob Maidman | Historical Commission rep - Open |
| Susan Saunders | | |

Other Attendees

Pat Achorn, Meg Buczynski, Linda Berger, Gary Bluestein, Paul Lauenstein

Meeting Initiation

Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM and reviewed the agenda.

1. Chair opening comments
2. Review/approve meeting minutes
3. Soccer fields project - Second Vote
4. Playground surfacing - Second Vote
5. Permanent pickle ball courts - Second Vote
6. Tennis court rally wall - Second Vote
7. Comprehensive recreation facilities strategic plan - Linda Berger to present updated proposal
8. Debt Service - Vote status

9. Operating Budget - Vote status

10. Any topics not known to Chair 24 hours in advance

Mr. Geller said that the project for repair work at the historical cemetery will be presented next year.

Chair Snow said that we are seeking historical projects.

Community Preservation Project Requests

Project #1 - Mr. Maidman moved to vote to approve \$35,000 for the Athletic Fields Sand Infusion from the undesignated fund. Mr. Geller seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval. (*Second vote*)

Project #2 - Mr. Maidman moved to vote to approve \$169,050 for the Heights Playground Resurfacing Project from the undesignated fund. Mr. Geller seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval. (*Second vote*)

Project #3 - Mr. Maidman moved to vote to approve \$100,000 for the Pickle Ball Courts at Deborah Sampson Park. Ms. Saunders seconded the motion. This is contingent on a certified availability of external funds of \$100,000 from private donors to be expended first and then project completion supported by the CPA funds appropriation of \$29,538 from the undesignated fund and \$70,464 from the open space fund. Private donors will support the first \$100,000.00. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval. Chair Snow suggested Town Counsel prepare wording for Town Meeting for this project. (*Second vote*)

Project #4 Mr. Maidman moved to vote to approve \$15,283 for construction of a tennis rally wall from the undesignated fund. Ms. Saunders seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval. (*Second vote*)

Project #5 The Recreation Department revised their proposal for the Recreation Facilities Feasibility Plan at a cost of \$24,550. They determined what they can do internally, what has been done and can make recommendations. Ms. Buczynski who will prepare the Plan said there are 6 sites to look at and then drill down to determine existing conditions. She had worked on similar projects in Weymouth. She will determine reconfiguration of fields to increase field space, what can be done for maintenance. As part of the findings they will look at hours of use, what type of surfaces to have and wear and tear. With the new plan we are not having community meetings with user groups, determining future trends, supporting the master plan, focus groups or on line surveys.

Ms. Berger said there is no other place in town to acquire land. They will not come back next year for more study monies.

Mr. Bluestein asked if the field on Morse could be used for a field and Mr. Geller said he will speak with the Conservation Commission about using for passive recreation.

Ms. Buczynski said she wants to be a partner with the Town. She said there will be a meeting with groups to get input from user groups and departments. She will take those thoughts and move to fields and programming and then recommend sites.

Mr. Maidman asked how they will engage the community. Ms. Buczynski said the consultant and working group (field users) would create and pass to their constituents. Chair Snow asked Mr. Geller if there is conservation land that is classified active use. Is there an inventory of passive versus active land? Mr. Geller said he will bring it up at a Conservation Committee meeting.

Mr. Bluestein moved to accept the proposal for \$24,550 for the Recreation Strategic Plan. Ms. Saunders seconded the motion. Monies will be used from Open Space and Recreation. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval of this project. (*First Vote, needs second vote*)

Discussion

Chair Snow said that the funds in the Historical Category have grown. 10 % is set aside each year for open space and recreation, community housing and historic had been built up over time. We have spent monies on the School Street Building, Carnegie Library, Mann's Pond Dam, historic documents and artifacts, cemetery restoration, historic firetruck and historic monuments. From a CP perspective, there is no mechanism to reallocate the funds to a different category. Ms. Buczynski said she worked on the Town's ability to gain data which can come from the town.

Other

Rattle Snake Hill debt payment needs to be voted on at the next meeting once it comes to market and the rate is determined. (*Needs first and second vote*)

Annual Committee Budget – There is a provision in the Act that up to 5% of revenue can be used for operations of the Committee. Unused monies roll back into funds. Chair Snow moved to appropriate \$15,000 to the annual committee budget. Mr. Geller seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval. (*Needs second vote*)

Minutes

Ms. Saunders moved and Mr. Geller seconded the motion to approve the 2/17/21 minutes. The Committee voted 4-0-1 (Bluestein) in favor of approval.

Next Meeting Dates

3/24

Adjournment

Mr. Bluestein moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Maidman seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of adjourning at 8:50 PM