

## **Town of Sharon**



### **Community Preservation Committee**

**Minutes of 4/6/2020**

**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**

Peter O'Cain, Linda Berger, Gary Bluestein, Eric Hooper, Alan Westman, Bob Lee,

#### **Meeting Initiation**

Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM. He reviewed that at the last meeting the applicants were asked to reduce the scope of their projects and phase the creation where possible. We await the results of the lights project downsizing quote.

#### **Project # 1 - Mann's Pond Dam Trails**

At the 3/30/20 meeting, 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 of \$297,000 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.

At tonight's 4/6/20 meeting, Mr. Bluestein stated that he walked the Mann's Pond Dam property with a Conservation Committee member and wants to change his vote from last week. Mr. Geller said he wished to change his vote as well.

After a discussion Chair Snow said there are three actions which can be taken. There can be a motion to affirm the last vote to make it official, there can be a motion to zero fund which would reverse it or take no action or schedule another meeting to discuss.

Mr. Bluestein asked for reconsideration of this vote and a heated discussion ensued. Mr. O'Cain suggested retaining the \$72,500 amount voted and then bid it out. Mr. Maidman motioned to allow the previous vote to stay and Peter O'Cain will investigate any additional cost opportunity before going to the Conservation Commission, allowing \$72,500 for engineering work to build the project plan to estimate work to be done, bid writing and bidding out. Once there is a plan then the Conservation Commission can review it. Ms. Saunders seconded the motion. The Committee voted 3-3-0 and the motion failed. Discussion continued.

Mr. Hauser made a motion to modify the previous vote of \$72,500 for Mann's Pond Dam and recommended an amount of \$45,000 for the engineering portion of the project for design work for presentation to the Conservation Commission. This amount would be for the engineering work and suggested Mr. O'Cain comes back next year for the park work funding. The plan is to restore the engineering aspects of the environment. The Committee voted 4-2-0 and the vote passed to allocate \$45,000 from the historical category.

### **Project # 2 - Pickle Ball Courts**

Project deferred.

### **Project # 3 - Rally Wall/Fencing for Tennis Courts**

Mr. Bluestein moved that the CPC appropriate \$35,202 for permanent wind screens for the tennis courts. The funds are to be appropriated from open space reserves and recreation. Mr. Geller seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of approval at this 4/6/20 meeting.

### **Project # 4 - Ames Street Lights**

Linda Berger, Recreation Director said that the new updated quote is \$250,000 with a contingency bringing the asked amount to \$300,000 for lights to span 265 feet from the backstop on field C. She said phase two would cost less as the electrical groundwork would be in place.

Chair Snow commented that this project is scaled back from lighting all fields to lighting one field. He said that \$362,722 is the amount available to appropriate for a combination of undesignated and what's reserved for open space and recreation. All recreation items being requested total \$367,190 which is \$4,688 more than available funds.

Mr. Bluestein move to approve \$295,000 to construct lighting on Field C at Ames Street Playground with funds to be taken from open space and recreation. The Committee voted 4-0-0

in favor of approval at this 4/6/20 meeting. Mr. Hauser recused himself as he is an abutter to the playground.

#### **Project #5 - Field A Conversion Renovation**

Mr. Geller moved to appropriate \$31,988 for the Field A renovation conversion project with minimum fence modification and the rest of the project to be completed in another year with full fence replacement. Ms. Saunders seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of allocating these funds from open space and recreation at this 4/6/20 meeting.

#### **Project # 6 - Historic Henry Jenks Fountain**

The Committee voted 6-0-0 in favor of approval of \$25,000 for this project at the 3/30/20 meeting. Ms. Saunders moved and Mr. Geller seconded a motion to approve the Jenks fountain with a second vote at tonight's 4/6/20 meeting. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor.

#### **Additional Items**

Chair Snow commented that the bylaws state that in order to make appropriations, the Committee must vote at two separate meetings but can waive this requirement. Chair Snow moved to waive the two vote requirement for tonight's vote to allow the appropriations to go forward without another vote. Mr. Geller seconded the motion. The Committee voted 5-0-0 in favor of this motion.

Chair Snow moved to allocate \$15,000 to the annual operating budget for fiscal year 2021 for the General Fund. Ms. Saunders seconded the motion and the Committee voted 6-0-0 in favor of approval.

Chair Snow will attend the Finance Committee meeting on 4/13/20 to report on the Community Preservation projects.

#### **Next Meeting Dates**

TBD

#### **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 9:30 PM