

**Town of Sharon
Community Preservation Committee
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**CPC Meeting Minutes
1/19/22**

EDC Members

Corey Snow, Chair	Rob Maidman
Marc Bluestein absent	Dave Martin
Eli Hauser	Susan Saunders
Keevin Geller	

Other Attendees

Peter O'Cain	Jim Grasfield
Paul Bergeron	Gary Bluestein
Linda Burger	David Blaszkowsky

Administration

- Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 7PM. All CPC members introduced themselves.

Projects

- Project #5 – Preservation of Monuments

Paul Bergeron said his proposal is to take care of all historical monuments around town. Once contractors contacted will get exact quote. Estimate of \$9900 is based on guesstimates. 4 monuments at Town Hall, Rock Ridge has 5, Library has 1, Veterans Park has 1 and Station Street has 1. There are plaques and markers etc. that all need some sort of preservation. Each needs something different. This is a bundled restoration project. Taking and removing any pits or items impacting metal or stone. Sealer applied after corrections made so weather doesn't deteriorate the bronze and other materials statues are made out of. Labor is intensive, hand done. \$9,900 is not to exceed number and project will be able to be accomplished.

- Project # 1 – Ames Equipment Replacement and Accessible Pathways

Linda Burger said we are looking to do a couple additions. As you know in 2016 we were funded through CPC to move in and repair the playground at Ames Street. We did a significant renovation. With community input and working with a playground consultant, we found that there were some elements that still had life left in them. So, we had another five years and it looks like that life has now had significant wear and tear so we wanted to look at replacing the train with another element. We've received some quotes and unfortunately you know with covid, prices rose. The total project for that was \$56,649. The fire engine and the farmers market that we'd be looking to put in place of the train is a lot more imaginative play. We need to have accessibility matting that would allow for accessible pathways throughout the entire playground. So we received a quote for \$49,677 and because both of those projects work hand in hand, the total cost for that would be \$116,786

and that includes the 10% contingency. We did receive an earmark from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for \$25,000 and that would be applied to this project. And then the funds requested from CPC would be \$91,786 for the project. Lifespan of firetruck is 10 years.

- Project #2 – Schematic design/cost estimate Deborah Sampson/Morse Street

Linda Burger said last year when we came to you were kind enough to fund the feasibility study for the fields. Since that project has been completed the study has been done by activities, and we are about to roll out some information sessions and public meetings on the subject, but in order to move this project forward what we're hoping to do is get a schematic design to do the first phase of the project and that's the in the amount of \$45,000. The design would include surveys for meetings with a working group, schematic design and a planning phase and probable cost estimates. If we were to be able to do some construction at Deborah Sampson it would be involving potentially moving the gardens to Morse Street. We still have a lot of work to do as far as communication, public meetings and discussions with the different groups in town. Part of the fees of what we tried to do with a feasibility study was develop land that the town already owns instead of trying to buy land or remove trees because there's not a lot of town only land. The town has a deficit of multipurpose fields. This feasibility study showed that potentially we're not using the field space to its best of its ability. So reconfiguring some of the things that are existing to improve our ratios of fields per sports would be helpful to get us to meet that deficit.

- Project #6 - Historical Cemetery Signage

Jim Grasfield said because you were going over all the presentations and proposals he wanted to be able to answer any additional questions. The Committee was satisfied with previous discussion.

- Project # 4 – Sharon Water Station Renovation

Peter O'Cain said you may have noticed that the package changed since the last time as we had very short notice when we discovered there were these problems at the water station building so we want to get our foot in the door. Last time we were asking for \$30,000 based on just doing the existing conditions study and the space programming. After working with the architect, we've expanded our request to include full design plans. The documents and construction administration. And what that's going to do for us is take a year off of this project so that we have these improvements, a year sooner than it would have been. It would have been a minimum of three years just to get going. So this way it'll allow for improvements to the building and a shorter window. Allow the guys that work at the station to have a more workable space in a shorter timeline. Peter showed the insides of the historical building and its existing condition. He said this is a photograph of the original steam powered pump in the water station. This was the actual well station before became the office for the water department. This was built in 1897. Project request if for \$70,000. All members were invited to go tour the actual building.

- Linda Burger reviewed previous and completed projects for the committee, providing updated statuses.
- Committee reviewed their thoughts and perspectives on projects throughout the years. Mr. Hauser asked for a complete summary of projects, subcategory and \$ value. Chair Snow

said from my perspective we might be able to get into some voting next meeting. I think that would be helpful.

Adjournment

- Ms. Saunders moved to close the meeting and Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The CPC voted unanimously via roll call to conclude at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting Dates

- The next scheduled CPC meeting dates include: 2/2, 2/16 and 3/2