

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

**CPC Meeting Minutes
1/18/24**

EDC Members

Corey Snow, Chair	Rob Maidman
Marc Bluestein	Dave Martin
Eli Hauser absent	Susan Saunders left meeting at 8 PM
Keevin Geller	

Other Attendees

Keith Morris - CPC liaison from the Finance Committee	Gary Bluestein - Recreation Commission
Linda Berger - Recreation Director	Jim Grasfield - Historical Commission
Laura Russell - Lake Management Committee	Debbie Tatro - Lake Management Committee

Administration

- Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and shared the evenings agenda.

Minutes

- Mr. Maidman moved to accept the minutes of 12/19/23. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The Committee voted 4-0-1 (Bluestein) in favor of approval.

2024 Projects

Project # 1- Lake Management - Placeholder for funds to match potential MVP#2 grant for lake projects. **Cost unknown at this time.**

- Laura Russell came before the CPC to 1. Ask for a slight repurposing of allocated funds from a previous project and 2. To state they are working toward a proposal.
- With reference to the weed mitigation monies previously allocated, they are working to try to stop the invasive weeds in the lake. They have approximately \$34,000 left from the weed budget. They feel doing a study to use technology to slow growth would be better.
- Ms. Tatro said there is a study for \$7,500 that covers sediment testing and evidence based solution for coves. This is a company with experience that would perform these tasks. They have:
- 681540 OS LMAC WEED ETC FIX 2023 ATM 2023 allocated \$80,000.00 expended \$46,412.34 balance of \$33,587.66
- Ms. Russell and Ms. Tatro are asking if the funds can be reallocated. Chair Snow said he needs to look at the Town Meeting vote to see how it was specifically worded.
- They said the gold standard is fluridome but very expensive. They are looking for an alternative solution. Its \$7,5000 for one day of testing is what they are suggesting.

- Mr. Maidman said a maintenance project fits within the operating budget of town. The lake needs a municipal sponsor.
- Chair Snow said to repurpose remaining funds he will look into technical aspects to see if its allowed from a legal perspective.
- Ms. Russell said in a week they will be able to determine if they can create concrete plans based on the grant availability. The timeframe is collapsing making things more challenging.
- Chair Snow said we need a proposal by 1/30/24 to take action this season.

Project # 2 - Recreation Departments Request - Feasibility Study to include schematic designs for both Lakeview Street and Deborah Sampson. \$75,800

- Linda Berger, Recreation Director said there is a deficit on multipurpose fields in town. The study previously performed said more fields are needed. Took a year off to discuss next steps to implement to gain more fields. She communicated with youth baseball, soccer and lacrosse. She worked with the Conservation Commission and Community Gardens. She identified a spot good for passive recreation. This is 2 acres on Morse Street from the Con Comm. Create a multipurpose field on the tennis courts and current garden site.
- The proposal from DSPCG is \$75,800. This step would include Schematic Designs for both Lakeview Street and Deborah Sampson. Project description is to implement Phase 1 of the Feasibility Study. This phase would relocate Community Gardens to Lakeview Street and build a multipurpose field at Deborah Sampson, in the existing garden location. The cost is \$75,800.
- Mr. Bluestein moved to approve \$75,800 for the Rec Department for the survey. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Via roll call vote, the vote was 5-0-0 unanimous amongst those present in favor. **FIRST VOTE**

Project # 3 – Historic Commission historic homes survey. Cost unknown at this time

- Jim Grasfield, Chair Historic Commission said he is working on a proposal that is not yet fully formed with pricing. They want to survey historical homes which is expensive to do. They want to look at properties that are 100 years or older. Research history, determine value to town. Histories are important to preserve the history of the town. Preserve historic fabric and architecture. When an historic property is slated for demo if it's on a historic inventory it is given different weight. The HC used demo delay two times. It gives negotiation power to save buildings that would be demolished.
- They want to expand the historic inventory to encompass houses not in inventory now.
- 2008 and 2011 studies encompassed ½ of the structures in inventory. The earlier studies need to be redone.
- This would be an augmentation of prior work. Limited number of homes were addressed per band width.
- They want to expand historic inventory to encompass houses not currently in inventory.

Other

- Mr. Maidman had reached out to the Unitarian Church regarding the playground project from last year and they haven't responded so no action will be taken.

- Chair Snow said maybe the CPC can hold public workshops or forums in the spring. Keep this topic in view for community outreach.

Annual Operating Budget

Chair Snow reviewed the open projects monies with the CPC.

681533 REC-PICKLEBALL COURTS ATM 2021 100,000.00 95,952.44. The balance \$4,047.56 can be returned as per Linda Berger

681534 REC AMES ST PLAYGROUND ATM 2022 91,786.45 90,135.57. The balance of \$1,650.88 can be returned as per Linda Berger

All remaining open projects proponents will be contacted for status.

Debt Service

To be discussed at next meeting.

Reserves

A/O 6/30/23:

Undesignated \$1,220,475

Historic \$526,783

Community Housing \$419,351

Available \$2,166,609

Meeting Schedule

1/30/24, 2/7/24

Adjournment

Mr. Martin moved to adjourn and Mr. Geller seconded the motion. The Committee voted by roll call unanimously 4-0-0 to adjourn at 8:45 PM.