

Community Preservation Committee

December 14, 2016

Attendees: Didi Chadran, Beth Williams, Jo Ward, Michelle Catalina, John Lee, Ron Ricci

Absent: Deb Thomson, Pam Marston, and Park & Rec representative

The meeting convened at 7:35PM.

Minutes from November 16, 2016 meeting were approved.

1. Treasurer's Update: John Lee presented revised Draft Estimates for FY18. Estimated FY18 Unreserved fund balance of \$342,738.41, using estimated FY17 collections and estimated 15% State reimbursement. With current requests, estimated 10% FY18 appropriations and CPC expenses of 294,871.00, the estimated FY18 Unreserved Fund balance is \$202,679.91.
2. Update on Conservation Commission Horse Meadow Knoll Acquisition Project: Liz Allard's note to Didi Chadran was read into the minutes:

"Hi All

Just wanted to give you an update on the potential of the ConCom requesting the \$100,000 that was approved for the Sherry Road project.

At this point I am receiving conflicting information on the next steps that are being taken and want to wait on any request until I am able to talk this out with the ConCom on Thursday night.

If you're feeling generous tomorrow night and just want to approve 200k for FY18 to ConCom I would not object, nor would I think ConCom would as we have other projects we starting to work on :)

Thank you and take care."
3. Update on Park & Rec Stone Wall Extension: (See attached Park & Rec Funding Update). Approximately 295 feet left to be finished. The CPC committee has concerns that no formal bid by the contractor has been submitted. Ron Ricci proposed that the Selectmen should take over this project. Ron will bring to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) on Tuesday, December 20th. This item was tabled until the January CPC meeting.
4. Discussion and Recommendations for Funding by Application:
 - a. Janet Vellante (Town Clerk) - \$24,752 for preservation of Town Hall Records. This item was unanimously approved.
 - b. Conservation Commission (ConCom) - \$100,000 for land preservation. See Liz Allard's note above. More information will be coming from ConCom regarding how much they're asking for. This item was tabled until the January Meeting.
 - c. Council on Aging (COA) - \$700.00 for repainting the woodwork on the front of Hildreth House. The CPC considers this maintenance rather than restoration. Michelle Catalina will speak with Connie Larrabee from the COA for clarification. This item has been tabled until January meeting.
 - d. Municipal Affordable Housing Trust (MAHT) – 10% requested. MAHT has just acquired at Federal Tax ID number. Leo Blair has just resigned from the committee.

Audit will be held this month. - \$25,319.00 was approved, to be held in Housing reserves, 5-0 with 1 abstention (Ricci).

- e. Town Hall Bond Payment: - \$61,600.00. Approved.
- f. CPC Expenses: - \$2,500.00. Approved.

5. Other Business:

- a. None

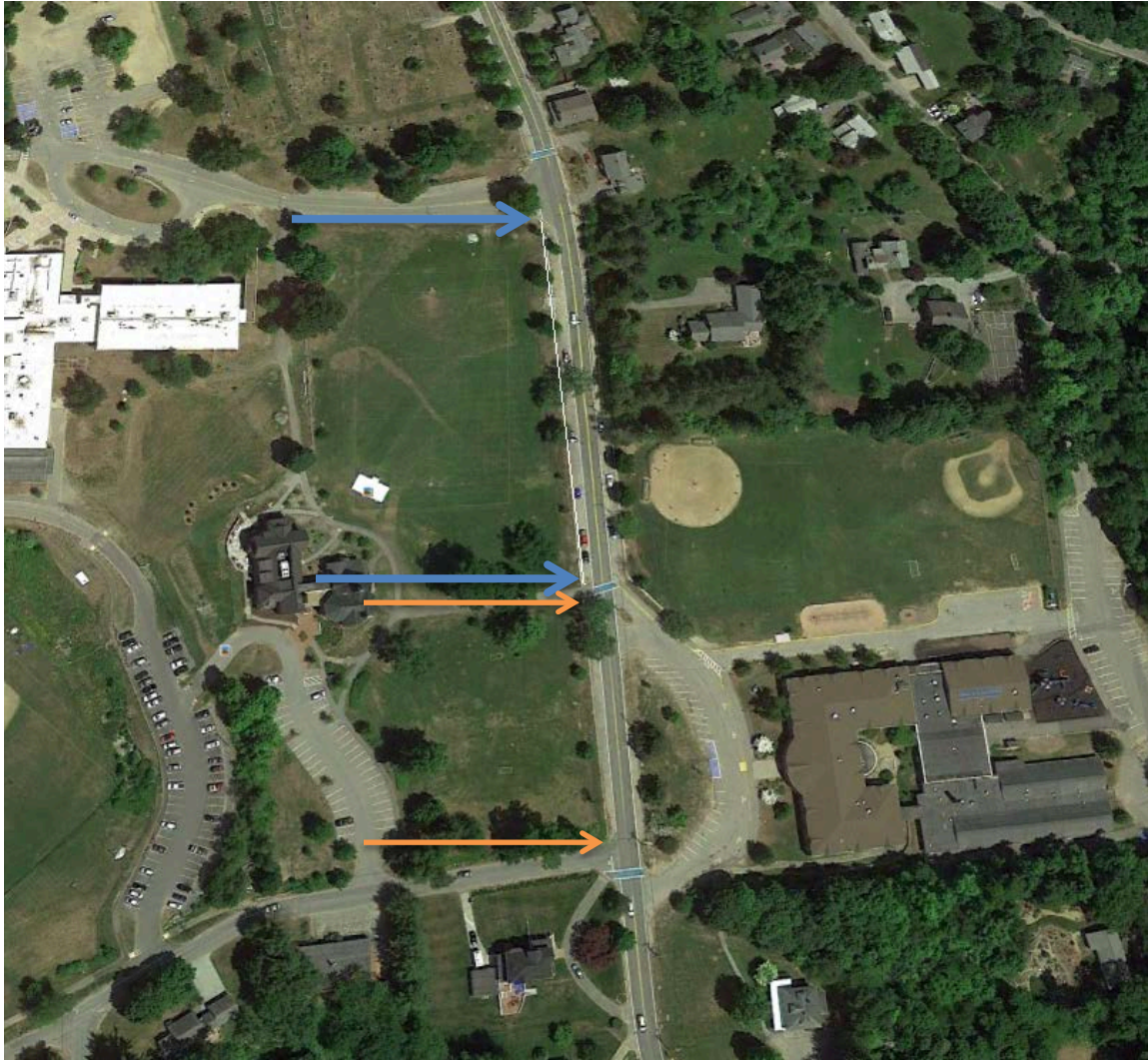
Open Action Items:

- 1. Treasurer to send updates to the Community Preservation Coalition.
- 2. Ron Ricci to propose BOS take on the Bromfield stone wall project.
- 3. Michelle Catalina to discuss Hildreth House paint request with Connie Larrabee.

Next CPC meeting scheduled for January 18, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Park and Rec has applied for 100k from the CPC to finish the wall in front of the high school and the new library. However, the Town Center Transportation Committee discussed the possibility of putting a sidewalk the entire length of the wall; this would require moving the wall between the orange arrows below. Some clarification on the intention of the Town to pursue this sidewalk as well as a potential timeline for making these changes would help the CPC determine whether or not we should set aside funding for this project.



The section of wall between the blue arrows has areas that have recently been improved. *There are no plans to relocate this section of the wall in order to provide a sidewalk.* The approximate length of the section between the blue arrows is 480 feet.

It has been discussed by the Town Center Transportation Committee to move the wall between the orange arrows back in order to accommodate a sidewalk to Pond Road and additionally to move the wall on Pond Road back to provide a sidewalk / walking path down Pond Road. The Planning Board is encouraging the Selectmen to become a part of the State's Complete Streets Program and to apply for funds for a sidewalk along MA Avenue. Any clarification from the Selectmen would be helpful at this time.